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# FIVE PERCENTERS

## PART 1 OF 2

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Subject: "Five Percenters" - a loosely  
knit group of Negro youth gangs  
in the Harlem Section of  
New York City covering 1965-67.

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date June 2, 1965

Bureau files contain no information concerning group called "Five Percenters".

New York Office instructed to conduct investigation to completely identify leaders and to determine policy of this group.

Civil Rights Division of Department being advised as well as Secret Service and Military intelligence agencies.

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DISTURBANCE BY GROUP CALLED "FIVE PERCENTERS", HARLEM, NYC, MAY THIRTYONE  
LAST. RACIAL MATTERS. (u) R

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ON JUNE ONE INSTANT.

[REDACTED] OBSERVED A GROUP OF  
 NEGROES CREATING DISTURBANCE AT ONE HUNDRED SIXTEENTH ST., AND LENOX  
 AVE, NYC, [REDACTED] GROUP BERATED AND  
 CURSED PATROLMAN AND CONTINUED ON TO SEVENTH AVE. [REDACTED]

SND PAGE ONE

MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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PAGE TWO

A MALE NEGRO, THIRTYFIVE YEARS OLD, WHO STATED HIS NAME WAS ALLAH,  
NEW YORK CITY  
THAT HE WAS BORN IN MECCA AND THAT HE RESIDED AT HARLEM HOSPITAL, NYC.

b7C [REDACTED] (u)  
[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED] (u)

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PAGE THREE

b7C [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
(a)  
ALL SIX ABOVE NEGROES ARE EMPLOYED AND STATE THEY ARE MEMBERS OF ORGANIZATION CALLED "FIVE PERCENTERS" WHICH MEANS, ACCORDING TO THEM, THE FIVE PERCENT OF THE MUSLIMS WHO SMOKE AND DRINK. [REDACTED] STATED THEY HAVE NO HEADQUARTERS AND "HANG OUT" ON THE STREET CORNERS OF HARLEM. (u)

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b7D [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (u)  
ABOVE SIX NEGROES ARRAIGNED BEFORE JUDGE FRANCIS X. O-BRIEN, FELONY COURT, <sup>NEW YORK CITY</sup> NYC, ON JUNE ONE INSTANT, AND ALL HELD IN THREE THOUSAND TO FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS BAIL ON CHARGES OF FELONIOUS ASSAULT, RESISTING ARREST, AND CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT FELONY. ALLAH RECEIVED ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF NARCOTICS POSSESSION SINCE HE HAD MARIJUANA CIGARETTE ON PERSON WHEN  
END PAGE THREE

[REDACTED] b7D

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ARRESTED.

CASE ADJOURNED BY JUDGE O-BRIEN UNTIL JUNE EIGHTEEN NEXT. (u)

APPROXIMATELY SIXTY NEGRO FOLLOWERS OF "FIVE PERCENTERS" IN COURT ON JUNE ONE INSTANT, WHEN SIX NEGROES ABOVE WERE ARRAIGNED. WHEN SIX DEFENDANTS APPEARED, THE SIXTY FOLLOWERS ROSE TO THEIR FEET AND SHOUTED "PEACE" HOLDING THEIR PALMS UPRaised. JUDGE O-BRIEN CLEARED COURT IMMEDIATELY. (u)

NEGRO WHO IS SELF-IDENTIFIED AS LEADER OF "FIVE PERCENTERS" AND USES THE NAME ALLAH, BERATED JUDGE O-BRIEN AND INFORMED THE JUDGE THAT HE, ALLAH, IS GOD AND THREATENED TO KILL [REDACTED] AND NYCPD PATROLMAN WHO ARRESTED HIM. (u) b7C

ALL SIX NEGROES WHO WERE ARRESTED CURRENTLY IN CITY JAIL IN LIEU OF BAIL. (u)

NYO INDICES REFLECT NO IDENTIFIABLE INFO RE "FIVE PERCENTERS" OR ANY OF ABOVE-NAMED NEGROES. THE FOLLOWING. (u)

NYO CONTACTING LOGICAL SOURCES FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFO. (u)

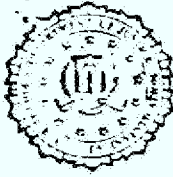
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

July 31, 1965

**In Reply, Please Refer to**

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Disturbance By Group Called  
"Five Percenters", Harlem,  
New York City, July 29, 1965  
Racial Matters (u) 41

On July 30, 1965,

furnished the following information: (u)

These disorderly youths were described as belonging to the "Five Percenters", which is described hereafter. (u)

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Disturbance By Group Called  
"Five Percenters", Harlem,  
New York City, July 29, 1965

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Concerning the Five Percenters

On June 7, 1965, described this group as follows (u)

The "Five Percenters", who are on occasion, referred to as the "brotherhood of Blackmen" or the "Brotherhood of Allah," is a loosely knit group of Negro youth gangs in the Harlem section of New York City. They come from an area bounded by Fifth Avenue on the east, Seventh Avenue on the west, 120th Street on the south and 130th Street on the north. These particular gangs emanate from New York City Public School Number 120, which is a junior high school serving the above area and located near 120th Street at 1832 Madison Avenue. They also hang out around New York City Public School Number 68 located at 127 West 127th Street (u)

These youths are typical of the numerous street type gangs that exist in Harlem except that they have been influenced by an individual who refers to himself as "Allah" and has indoctrinated them in the distorted Muslim teachings of Nation of Islam (NOI) leader Elijah Muhammad (u)

A characterization of the NOI is attached and all sources therein have furnished reliable information in the past. (u)

This "Allah" is the recognized leader of the "Five Percenters" and was one of the six arrested on May 31, 1965 by the New York City Police Department. He has been identified as Clarence 13X Smith of 21 West 112th Street, New York City, apartment 5E. Although at the time of his arrest he denied being an NOI member at present, he is known to have been a member in the past where he received his "X name". He is unemployed and spends his time hanging around the above-mentioned area where he contacts and indoctrinates the youth of the area. (u)

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"Five Percenters", Harlem,  
New York City, July 29, 1965

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APPENDIX

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In January, 1957, a source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD has described his organization on a nationwide basis as the "Nation of Islam," (NOI) and "Muhammad's Temples of Islam." (u)

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The NOI is an all-Negro organization which was originally organized in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. MUHAMMAD claims to have been selected by Allah, the Supreme Being, to lead the so-called Negro race out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation in the United States. Members following MUHAMMAD'S teachings and his interpretation of the "Koran" believe there is no such thing as a Negro; that the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as "white devils," in the United States; and that the white race, because of its exploitation of the so-called Negroes, must and will be destroyed in the approaching "War of Armageddon." (u)

In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including MUHAMMAD, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States (u)

On May 5, 1958, the first source advised MUHAMMAD had, upon advice of legal counsel, tempered his personal statements and instructions to his ministers concerning the principles of his organization in order to avoid possible prosecution by the United States Government; however, he did not indicate any fundamental changes in the teachings of his organization (u)

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acquire additional followers and create more interest in  
his programs. (u)

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Agency G-2, ONL, OSI, CRD

Date Forw. AUG 30 1965

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By J. E. T. - M. A.

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-6-34)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-1489) (P)

/ Room 828 RB

SUBJECT: DISTURBANCE BY GROUP CALLED  
 "FIVE PERCENTERS", HARLEM,  
 NEW YORK CITY, 7/29/65  
 RACIAL MATTERS (u)

Re New York airtel to the Bureau dated 7/31/65 (u)

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of  
 a letterhead memorandum reporting results of court  
 action taken against above offenders in New York City (u)

to SA [REDACTED] b7C furnished information  
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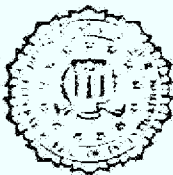
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August 26, 1965

New York (157-1489)

Disturbance by Group Called  
"Five Percenters", Harlem,  
New York City, July 29, 1965  
Racial Matters (u)

Reference is made to the previous communication  
submitted in the above matter dated July 31, 1965 (u)

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"Five Percenters", Harlem,  
New York City, July 29, 1965 (u)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-6-34)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-892)

SUBJECT: RACIAL INCIDENTS IN  
BEDFORD - STUYVESANT AREA,  
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, 8/21-23/66 (u)  
RM

ReNYtel to Bureau, dated 8/23/66, entitled, "INCIDENTS AT SHILLMAN AND WILLOUGHBY AVENUES AND BEDFORD AND DE KALB AVENUES, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, ON 8/21 and 22/66; RM"; NYtel to Bureau, dated 8/23/66, entitled, "INCIDENTS AT PROSPECT PARK WEST, BEDFORD AVE. AND PARK AVE., AND SHILLMAN AND FLUSHING AVE., ALL BROOKLYN, NY, ON 8/22/66; RM"; and NYtel to Bureau, dated 8/23/66, entitled, "INCIDENTS IN BEDFORD STUYVESANT AREA, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, EARLY MORNING, 8/23/66; RM. (u)

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of LHM in above matter. This LHM incorporates the separate incidents reported in the referenced teletypes (u)

SA [REDACTED] furnished information to [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] furnished information to [REDACTED] (u)

Copies of attached LHM are being disseminated locally to DIO, OSI, 108th INTC Group, Secret Service, USA, SDNY and USA, EDNY (u)

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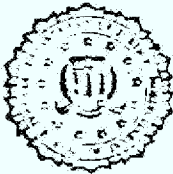
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New York 157-892

Racial Incidents in  
Bedford - Stuyvesant Area,  
Brooklyn, New York,  
August 21-23, 1966  
Racial Matters (u)

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August 21 and 22, 1966  
Incidents at Skillman and  
Willoughby Avenues and Bedford  
and De Kalb Avenues, Brooklyn,  
New York (u)

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Racial Incidents in  
Bedford - Stuyvesant Area,  
Brooklyn, New York,  
August 21 - 23, 1966

Incidents at Prospect Park West,  
Bedford Avenue and Park Avenue,  
and Skillman and Flushing Avenue,  
all Brooklyn, New York, on August 22, 1966(u)

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He described the Five Percenters as  
a militant Negro youth organization on the style of the Black Muslim(u)



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On August 8, 1966, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] advised that the "Five Percenters"  
have no clubhouse or headquarters. They operate  
mainly as a Harlem and Bedford - Stuyvesant  
street gang with an estimated membership of  
300 youths. He stated that they were a very  
loose organization with no real leadership.  
The "Five Percenters" are made up of neighbor-  
hood groups of young Negro teenagers who have  
no respect for law and order(u)

[REDACTED] no information to  
the effect that the "Five Percenters" are tied  
in with any subversive organization.(u)

This confirms information furnished orally to  
Mr. Thomas McTiernan of the Criminal Division on 8/23/66(u)

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Date: 6/2/65

Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, CRD

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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By JET - mch

Room 828 RB

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-1489)

SUBJECT: DISTURBANCE BY GROUP CALLED "FIVE  
PERCENTERS", HARLEM, NYC, 5/31/65.  
RACIAL MATTERS (u)

ReNYtel 6/1/65. (u)

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight  
copies of a LHM concerning a disturbance in Harlem, NYC,  
on 5/31/65, by six Negroes described as "Muslims" who  
call themselves "Five Percenters". (u)

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[REDACTED] "ALLAH", the ringleader, is  
possibly CLARENCE 13X SMITH (u)

Indices of the NYO contain no identifiable  
references to "ALLAH", however, CLARENCE 13X SMITH is  
subject of closed NYfile 100-150520. He joined the NOI

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ENCLOSURE  
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(1-100-150520) (CLARENCE 13X SMITH) (43)  
(1-105-7809) (NOI) (43)  
(1-100-153308) (OAAU) (43)  
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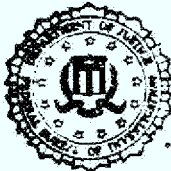
in NYC in April, 1961, and in June, 1964, was alleged to have defected from the NOI to MALCOLM X and the MMI. Because of this allegation an investigation was opened on him but the MMI affiliation was not verified, the allegation apparently being untrue since he was reported in attendance at NOI affairs after June, 1964. His last reported attendance at an NOI affair was in NYC on 3/23/65.

NY indices are negative [redacted] and the "Five Percenters"

Until this matter is further resolved individual case files are not being opened at this time. The NYO does not feel that the Bureau should become involved with every ordinary Harlem rowdy and street fighter who shouts invectives

The Bureau will be kept advised. (u)

**COUNTING**



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

New York, New York  
June 2, 1965

Disturbance By Group Called "Five Percenters",  
Harlem, New York City, May 31, 1965  
Racial Matters (u)

On June 1, 1965, [REDACTED] b7C b7D

[REDACTED] advised that at 9:15 p.m., six Negro males were blocking the sidewalk and interfering with street traffic in front of the Hotel Theresa, 2090 7th Avenue, New York City. When told to move on by two police officers they turned on the officers, called on bystanders to attack the officers and shouted anti-white and anti-police invectives. Additional police assistance was necessary to arrest the six and two of the officers were bitten. Previously a bar window had been broken by the group and a Negro male named Wilbert Lee had been struck on the head with a stick wielded by one of the six arrested. Approximately 90 minutes before this incident these same six individuals had caused a disturbance at the corner of Lenox Avenue and 116th Street in Harlem. When told to move on by a police officer they complied but cursed and berated the patrolman as they left (u)

[REDACTED] advised that the six all had Muslim type names or aliases but all had denied being member of the Nation of Islam (NOI) or the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated (MMI). However, some of them appeared to have some knowledge of the NOI. They did claim to be members of the "Five Percenters", which they claim means the five percent of Muslims who smoke and drink. [REDACTED] they have no headquarters and appear to be a loosely knit group that "hangs out" on Harlem street corners (u)

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Harlem, New York City, May 31, 1965  
Racial Matters

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RACIAL MATTERS (u)

ReWairtel and LHM dated 6/2/65 (u)

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copies of a LHM concerning the Negro youth gang in Harlem  
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The information from [redacted] was furnished

to SA [redacted] (u)

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[REDACTED] has identified "ALLAH" as CLARENCE 13X SMITH (NY closed NOI file 100-150520), the NYO will open an investigation into SMITH and consider him for inclusion on the security index. [REDACTED]  
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In view of the fact that the "Five Percenters" is a loose conglomeration of teenage street gangs in an area of Harlem without an overall organizational setup or meeting place, plus the fact that their mentor SMITH is incarcerated, the NYO feels they represent a local police problem and not a threat to the internal security. Consequently, the NYO will not at this time institute an investigation of the "Five Percenters" as an organization (u)

However, the NYO will continue to follow this incident under this caption to determine the extent of influence or infiltration by subversive type black nationalists groups into the "Five Percenters" (u)

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The Bureau will be kept advised (u)

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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New York, New York  
June 9, 1965

NY 157-1489

Disturbance By Group Called "Five  
Percenters," Harlem, New York City,  
May 31, 1965  
Racial Matter(u)

Reference is made to memorandum dated June 2, 1965,  
at New York, New York(u)

On June 7, 1965, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that because of the nature and activities  
of the "Five Percenters", [REDACTED] developed the following  
information:(u)

The "Five Percenters", who are on occasion, referred  
to as the "Brotherhood of Blackmen" or the "Brotherhood of  
Allah," is a loosely knit group of Negro youth gangs in the  
Harlem section of New York City. They come from an area  
bounded by Fifth Avenue on the east, Seventh Avenue on the  
west, 120th Street on the south and 130th Street on the  
north. These particular gangs emanate from New York City  
Public School Number 120, which is a junior high school  
serving the above area and located near 120th Street at  
1832 Madison Avenue. They also hang out around New York City  
Public School Number 68 located at 127 West 127th Street.(u)

These youths are typical of the numerous street  
type gangs that exist in Harlem except that they have been  
influenced by an individual who refers to himself as "Allah"  
and has indoctrinated them in the distorted Muslim teachings  
of Nation of Islam (NOI) leader Elijah Muhammad(u)

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This "Allah" is the recognized leader of the "Fiver Percenters" and was one of the six arrested on May 31, 1965 by the NYCPD. He has been identified as Clarence 13X Smith of 21 West 112th Street, New York City, apartment 5E. Although at the time of his arrest he denied being an NOI member at present, he is known to have been a member in the past where he received his "X name." He is unemployed and spends his time hanging around the above-mentioned area where he contacts and indoctrinates the youth of the area(u)

Because of Smith's influence over these youths, they like to consider themselves "Muslims" and many of them shave their heads and take Arabic sounding names. In fact, none of them follow the tenets of the orthodox Islamic religion nor do they actually belong to or follow the teachings of the NOI. These youths do, however, claim to be the "five percent" of the followers of Elijah Muhammad who believe in smoking and drinking.(u)

[REDACTED] that the "Five Percenters" do not have any central meeting place or headquarters. Although each of the individual youth gangs formed from their respective neighborhoods has its own leader, they do not have an overall organizational setup other than to look up to Baba as their teacher and "Allah"(u)

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[REDACTED] He advised that the exact number of youths involved is not known and probably fluctuates on a day to day basis because of its loosely knit relationship and the differences that arise from time to time between the individual gangs. The total number is not believed to be more than 80 to 100 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The group, including Smith, are not known to individually own or have any cache of firearms or weapons. However, the youth gangs undoubtedly have or can easily make the various types of homemade weapons common to youth gangs throughout the city.(u)



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Confidential sources familiar with activities in New York City of the NOI, Muslim Mosque, Incorporated (MMI) and the Organization of Afro-American Unity, Incorporated (OAAU) were contacted in June, 1965, and these sources did not recognize by name the six individuals arrested by the NYCPD on May 31, 1965. [REDACTED]

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5/31/65  
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ReNYairtel and LHM, 6/9/65 (u)

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of a LHM relative to hearing of six arrested on 5/31/65, and information on 6/18/65 arrest of eight Negro youths believed to be affiliated with "Five Percenters" (u)

SA [REDACTED] was furnished to SA [REDACTED] also observed the approximate 50 Negro youths at the court hearing on 6/18/65, but there was no demonstration or incidents by these youths (u)

The information in the LHM concerning the arrest of the eight youths is being furnished because of the publicity it received in NYC and their possible affiliation with the "Five Percenters". It is felt that because of present racial tension in NYC, the arrest of any members of these Harlem youth street gangs particularly those who have adopted a "Muslim type" alias, will bring newspaper publicity which implies that these youths are a part of some anti-white black nationalist movement. As pointed out in reairtel, the NYO feels that the activities of these street gangs represent a local police problem. However, the NYO is

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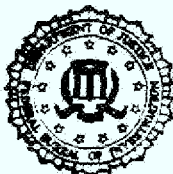
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June 22, 1965

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Reference is made to the memorandum dated June 9, 1965,  
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On June 18, 1965, [REDACTED] b7C

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advised that on that date the six individuals who called  
themselves "Five Percenters" and were arrested on May 31, 1965,  
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(1-100-152759) (MMI) (43)  
(1-100-153308) (OAAU) (43)  
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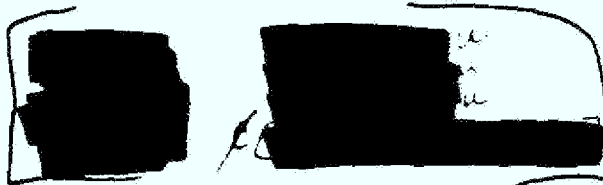
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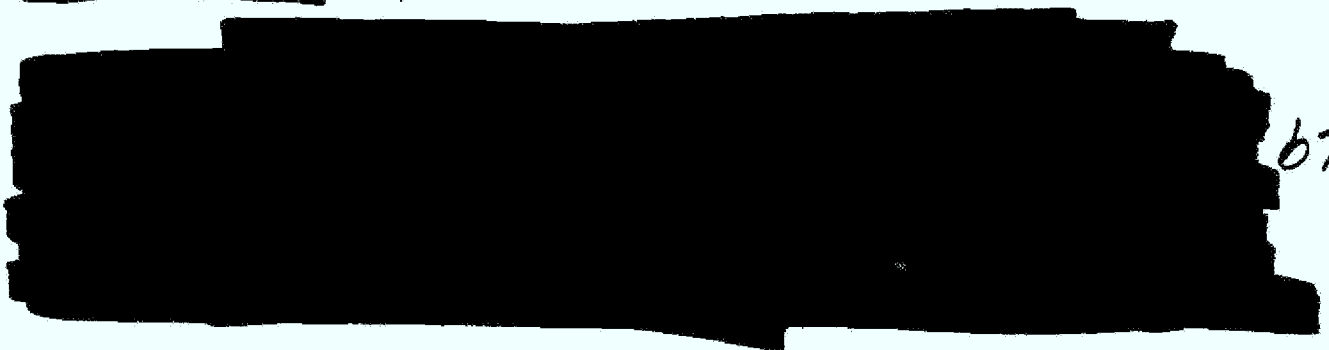
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The eight youths arrested on 6/18/65, who are possibly affiliated with the "Five Percenters" (see NY airtel and letterhead memorandum, dated 6/22/65), are not identifiable to any references in the indices of the NYO (u)

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Investigation in January, 1965 by Baltimore, Washington  
Field, NY and Tampa failed to substantiate any part of their  
story (u)

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[REDACTED]  
As reflected in NYairtel dated 6/9/65, an active  
investigation of CLARENCE 13X SMITH was opened in view of his  
activities as leader of the "Five Percenters" and his influence  
on Negro youth gangs in Harlem (u)

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[REDACTED] has determined  
that all other identified individuals affiliated with the "Five  
Percenters", [REDACTED], have  
no influential or leadership type or position, but are strictly  
gang members, the NYO is not opening individual cases on them,

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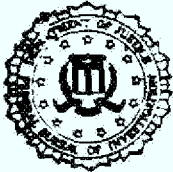
particularly since most of them are teenagers or sub-teenagers. As previously pointed out, the NYO feels that the activities of these teenage gangs represent a local police problem and do not constitute a threat to the internal security of the country(u)

Therefore, the NYO will conduct no further inquiry under this caption and additional activity will be followed through the investigation of SMITH [REDACTED] Any pertinent information of organized activity or demonstrations by the so-called "Five Percenters" will be furnished to the Bureau(u) b7c

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. New York 157-1489

New York, New York  
July 9, 1965

Disturbance By Group Called  
"Five Percenters", Harlem,  
New York City  
Racial Matters (u)

MEMBER OF STREET ORGANIZATION

Reference is made to memorandum dated June 22, 1965,  
at New York, New York (u)

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On June 24, 1965, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that on June 24, 1965, Clarence 13X Smith also known as "Allah", age 35, James Howell also known as "Akbar", age 37, and "Gumeal" (not further identified), age 21, appeared on felony charges in New York Supreme Court, Part 30 (Felony), New York City. Their case was adjourned until July 12, 1965, and Smith was committed to Bellevue Hospital, New York City, for psychiatric examination. Howell and "Gumeal" continue to be in custody in lieu of bond. During the hearing, approximately thirty Negro teenagers, ranging in age from 13 to 19, milled around the courtroom and courthouse, but there were no demonstrations or incidents (u)

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Disturbance By Group Called  
"Five Percenters, Harlem,  
New York City(u)

On June 29, 1965, [REDACTED] b7C b7D

[REDACTED] determined that Clarence  
13X Smith was the recognized leader of the "Five Percenters" and  
James Howell was his assistant. All of the youths previously  
arrested or identified as being affiliated with the "Five  
Percenters" had no leadership position and were just members of  
the various Harlem youth gangs involved. [REDACTED] (u)

On July 7, 1965, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the six individuals arrested on  
May 31, 1965, who called themselves "Five Percenters", appeared  
on misdemeanor charges in Part 2B of the Manhattan Criminal Court,  
New York City, and their case was adjourned until July 9, 1965.

[REDACTED] advised that during the hearing, approximately  
20 to 30 Negro teenagers, ranging from 13 to 19, milled around  
the courtroom and courthouse, but there were no demonstrations  
or incidents. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that because of the number of  
young Negro supporters of these six that continually show up at  
the various court hearings, the District Attorney and the Court  
appear to be continually adjourning these hearings to a later

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Disturbance By Group Called  
"Five Percenters, Harlem,  
New York City

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date in the hope that the presence of these youthful supporters  
will taper off. Then the Court can dispose of the cases with a  
minimum risk of disorder or demonstration by these youths (u)

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (u)

Characterizations of the NOI, MMI and  
OAAU are attached hereto and all sources  
therein have furnished reliable information  
in the past (u) MEMBER OF SOCIETY OF AMERICAN

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MUSLIM MOSQUE, INCORPORATED (MMI)

The March 13, 1964, edition of "The New York Times," a daily newspaper published in New York, New York, contained an article on page 20 which indicated that MALCOLM X (LITTLE), former national official of the Nation of Islam (NOI) who broke with the NOI on March 8, 1964, publicly announced in New York City on March 12, 1964, that he had formed the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated (MMI). The MMI, according to the article would be a broadly based politically oriented black nationalist movement for Negroes only, financed by voluntary contributions. In this public statement MALCOLM X urged Negroes to abandon the doctrine of non-violence when it is necessary to defend themselves in the civil rights struggle, and he also suggested that Negroes form rifle clubs to protect their lives and property in time of emergencies in areas where the government is unable or unwilling to protect them(u)

Incorporation papers of the MMI filed on March 16, 1964, with the Business Section, Clerk of Courts, New York County, New York, New York, reflect that the MMI was incorporated under the Religious Corporation Law of the State of New York to work for the imparting of the Islamic Faith and Islamic Religion in accordance with "accepted Islamic principals." The principal place of worship to be located in the Borough of Manhattan, New York, New York(u)

The May 23, 1964, edition of the "New York Amsterdam News," a weekly Negro newspaper published in New York City, contained an article by columnist JAMES BOOKER in which he indicated that he had heard that the visit by MALCOLM X with Muslim leaders during his African tour has changed him to become soft in his anti-white feelings and to become more religious(u)

On October 6, 1964, a confidential source advised that the MMI is apparently affiliated with the true orthodox Islamic Religion through its affiliation with the Islamic Foundation (of New York), 1 Riverside Drive, New York City. The only teachings of the MMI are on the Islamic Religion(u)

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APPENDIX

MUSLIM MOSQUE, INCORPORATED

A second confidential source advised on October 20, 1964, that the headquarters of the MMI are located in Suite 128, Hotel Theresa, 2090 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York, where they were established on March 16, 1964. These headquarters are shared with the Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU) which is also headed by MALCOLM X (u)

MALCOLM X was assassinated on February 21, 1965, while addressing an OAAU rally at the Audubon Ballroom, Broadway and 166th Street, New York City. (u)

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In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including MUHAMMAD, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States (u)

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APPENDIX

ORGANIZATION OF AFRO-AMERICAN UNITY, INCORPORATED (OAAU)

On June 28, 1964, MALCOLM X LITTLE, founder and leader of the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated (MMI), publicly announced the formation of a new, all Negro, militant civil rights action group to be known as the Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU), with himself as Chairman. This announcement was made at a public rally held by the MMI in the Audubon Ballroom, Broadway and 166th Street, New York City (u)

A printed and published statement of basic OAAU aims read by MALCOLM X at this meeting indicates that it shall include "all" people of African descent in the Western Hemisphere, as well as "our" brothers and sisters on the African continent. It is patterned after the "letter and spirit" of the Organization of African Unity established (by African heads of States) at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in May, 1963. (u)

A recording of the remarks of MALCOLM X at this meeting indicates that the aim of the OAAU is to eliminate differences between Negroes so they can work together for "human rights," while the initial objective is to "internationalize" the American civil rights movement by taking it to the United Nations. LITTLE condemned the non-violent civil rights movement and claims that Negroes should be taught to protect themselves, when and if necessary. The OAAU will sponsor a program for Negroes of education, politics, culture, economics, and social reform. (u)

On August 19, 1964, a confidential source advised that the headquarters of the OAAU are located in MMI headquarters, Suite 128, Hotel Theresa, 2090 7th Avenue, New York City (u)

MALCOLM X was assassinated on February 21, 1965, while addressing an OAAU rally at the Audubon Ballroom, New York City (u)

On April 13, 1965, a second confidential source advised that on March 26, 1965, the OAAU filed a Certificate of Incorporation with the Department of State, State of New York, Albany, New York, and henceforth the organization's true name will be Organization of Afro-American Unity, Incorporated (u)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-6-34)

DATE: 9/20/65

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-1489)

SUBJECT: DISTURBANCE BY GROUP CALLED  
"FIVE PERCENTERS," HARLEM,  
NEW YORK CITY, 7/29/65  
RACIAL MATTERS

Re NY airtel to Bureau, 8/26/65(u)

Enclosed for Bureau are 8 copies of LHM in above  
case. [REDACTED] furnished information to  
SA [REDACTED] b7C

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New York, New York  
September 20, 1965

157-6-34

Disturbance by Group Called  
"Five Percenters," Harlem,  
New York City, July 29, 1965  
Racial Matter (u)

Reference is made to previous communication  
submitted in the above matter dated August 26, 1965.

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[REDACTED]  
concerning [REDACTED] the "Five  
Percenters" who were arrested by the New York City  
Police Department following an altercation with a  
Police Officer in Harlem on July 29, 1965: (u)

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New York City, July 29, 1965  
Racial Matters(u)

Concerning the "Five Percenters" [REDACTED] b7C  
[REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] on June 7, 1965, described this  
group as follows(u)

The "Five Percenters," who are, on occasion,  
referred to as the "Brotherhood of Blackmen" or the  
"Brotherhood of Allah," is a loosely-knit group of  
Negro youth gangs in the Harlem Section of New York City.  
They come from an area bounded by Fifth Avenue on the  
east, Seventh Avenue on the west, 120th Street on the  
south, and 130th Street on the north. These particular  
gangs emanate from New York City Public School No. 120,  
which is a junior high school serving the above area  
and located near 120th Street at 1832 Madison Avenue.  
They also hang out around New York City Public School No. 68,  
located at 127 West 127th Street(u)

These youths are typical of the numerous  
street-type gangs that exist in Harlem, except that they  
have been influenced by an individual who refers to  
himself as "Allah" and has indoctrinated them in the  
distorted Muslim teachings of Nation of Islam (NOI)  
leader, Elijah Muhammad(u)

A characterization of the NOI is  
attached and all sources therein have  
furnished reliable information in the  
past(u)

This "Allah" is the recognized leader of the  
"Five Percenters." He has been identified as  
Clarence ~~13X~~ Smith, of 21 West 112th Street, New  
York City, Apartment 5E. He is known to have been a  
member, in the past, of the NOI, where he received  
his "X name." He is unemployed and spends his time  
hanging around the above-mentioned area where he  
contacts and indoctrinates the youth of the area(u)

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DIRECTOR, FBI

9/17/65

SAC, NEW YORK (100-150520) (P)

CLARENCE SMITH JOWARS aka  
Clarence Smith Jowers,  
Clarence 13X Smith,  
Clarence 13X,  
"Allah",  
"Puddin",  
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DATE 3-18-80 BY SP5/RJB/310

ReNYairtels and letterhead memorandums to the Bureau dated 6/2/65, 6/9/65, 6/22/65, and 7/9/65, all captioned, "DISTURBANCE BY GROUP CALLED 'FIVE PERCENTERS', HARLEM, NEW YORK CITY, 5/31/65; RACIAL MATTERS", which contained information concerning captioned subject under the name CLARENCE 13X SMITH aka "Allah", and which further reflected that subject was the recognized leader of the "Five Percenters". (u)

[REDACTED] b7D  
[REDACTED] reflects subject's true name as CLARENCE SMITH JOWARS and as CLARENCE SMITH JOWERS, however, for uniformity, subject's true last name will be carried as JOWARS until such time as investigation determines the true spelling of subject's last name. (u)

[REDACTED] b7C  
[REDACTED] b7D  
CLARENCE SMITH JOWARS aka Clarence 13X, a Negro male, born 2/21/28, in Virginia, city not known, NYCPD # B 612230, resided in Apartment 3E, 21 West 112th St., NYC, from August, 1954, through January, 1964. Subject has Social Security Number 228-28-0034. Subject served in the US Army under the name CLARENCE SMITH JOWARS or CLARENCE SMITH from 10/29/52, through 10/29/54.

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1- DISTURBANCE BY GROUP CALLED "FIVE PERCENTERS", HARLEM, NYC, 5/31/65)

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and had Army Serial Number 51207085. Subject had the rank of Private First Class, served in Korea, and was last assigned to Company "F", 39th Infantry, Ft. Dix, New Jersey (u)

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[REDACTED]

From February, 1950, through August, 1954, subject resided at various addresses in the Harlem area of NYC, and has been employed by various businesses in the NYC area. On 3/29/60, subject reportedly obtained aid from the Veterans Administration in the amount of \$129.60 (u)

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b7D

Subject, who was arrested on 6/1/65, by the NYCPD, details of which are set out in referenced airtels and letterhead memorandums, is still confined, NYC, on \$9,500 bond. (u)

[REDACTED] further advised that subject appeared in New York Supreme Court, Part 30, (Felony), on 9/9/65, and his case was postponed until 9/23/65. Subject continued to be confined to Bellevue Hospital, NYC, where he is undergoing psychiatric treatment (u) b7C

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. 1. Will, at Military Personnel Records Center, review subject's military personnel file under U.S. Army SN 51207085 (u)

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2. From review will determine if subject's true name is CLARENCE SMITH JOWARS, CLARENCE SMITH JOWERS, or CLARENCE SMITH. (u)

3. Will furnish the NYO all available background data including date and place of birth, and names of relatives. (u)

DIRECTOR, FBI

10-22-65

SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-20019) RUC

CHANGED  
CLARENCE SMITH JOWARS,  
Clarence Edward Smith  
SM - NOI  
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The title of this case is being marked changed to reflect the name CLARENCE EDWARD SMITH as it appears in the U. S. Army service records (u)

Re NY let to Bureau, 9-17-65 (u)

A review on 10-14-65, by IC [REDACTED] of the U. S. Army service records on file at NPRC, SLMO, indicated CLARENCE EDWARD SMITH, SN 51 207 085, was inducted into the U. S. Army on 10-30-52, and entered on active duty on the same date at New York, N. Y. He was honorably released from active duty on 8-21-54, as a PFC at Camp Kilmer, N. J., and transferred to the U. S. Army Reserve to complete his military obligation (u) b7C

He served in the U. S. Army Reserve, inactive status, from 8-22-54 to 9-30-60, at which time he was honorably discharged (u)

He had foreign service in Japan and Korea and was awarded Korean Service Medal with one Bronze Service Star, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Presidential Unit Citation (Republic of Korea), United Nations Service Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal (u)

His character and efficiency ratings ranged from unknown to excellent and there is no record of courts-martial or AWOL (u)

The following descriptive and background information is contained in the Army service records (u)

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Date and place of birth 2-22-28, Danville, Va.  
Height 5'11"  
Weight 162  
Race Negroid  
Hair Black  
Eyes Brown  
Blood Type "B"  
Education 2 years high school  
Civilian occupation Shines shoes and shipping clerk  
Military occupation Light weapons infantryman  
Addresses 65 W. 127 St., New York City,  
N. Y. (10-52);  
153 W. 129th St., New York, N. Y.  
(8-54);  
21 W. 112th St., New York, N. Y.  
(9-60)

Relatives

[REDACTED]

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DATE: 10/18/65

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-1489)

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two newspaper articles, to wit: 1) 10/15/65 edition of "The New York Times", page 1, captioned "Wingate Warns of Negro Revolt If Haryou's Program Is Curbed," and, 2) 10/15/65 edition of the "New York Herald Tribune", page 1, captioned "Harlem '5 Percenters' - Terror Group Revealed." (u)

Reference is made to NY airtel and LHM dated 6/2/65, captioned "DISTURBANCE BY GROUP CALLED 'FIVE PERCENTERS', HARLEM, NYC, 5/31/65, RACIAL MATTERS," NYairtel and LHM dated 6/9/65, above caption; NYairtel and LHM dated 6/22/65, above caption; NYairtel and LHM dated 7/9/65, above caption; NYairtel

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and LHM dated 7/31/65, captioned, "DISTURBANCE BY GROUP CALLED 'FIVE PERCENTERS', HARLEM, NYC, 7/29/65, RACIAL MATTERS."; NYairtel and LHM dated 8/26/65, above caption; NYlet and LHM dated 9/20/65, above caption(u)

The two enclosed articles deal primarily with a speech and subsequent impromptu press conference given by LIVINGSTON WINGATE on 10/14/65, before the eastern regional conference of the Urban League at the Belmont Plaza Hotel, New York City(u)

WINGATE is the Executive Director of the Harlem anti-poverty program known as Harlem Youth Opportunities Unlimited - Associated Community Teams (HARYOU-ACT). Both articles point out that WINGATE has been criticized for his handling of the program and that he is currently under investigation by the Manhattan District Attorney's Office and the Federal authorities following charges of fiscal mismanagement(u)

In his speech and press conference, according to these articles, WINGATE denied any fiscal wrongdoing and claimed the spending of certain monies on his part was necessary to avert racial violence in Harlem during the past summer. His main theme was that if anything happened to HARYOU-ACT there would definitely be racial violence. On this latter point, WINGATE referred to a mysterious "armed" group of Negro youth who are "prepared to die" in a struggle against white people. He refused to identify by name this group stating he feared for his life if he talked too much. He further implied that only HARYOU-ACT was stopping this group from acting(u)

Both articles indicated that WINGATE was apparently speaking of a Black Muslim-oriented extremist youth group known as the "Five Percenters." The "Tribune" article then set forth observations on this group which this paper developed in an "independent investigation" during the past three weeks(u)

It is noted that prior investigation by the NYO into the "Five Percenter" revealed that it was a Negro youth street gang in Harlem that has been influenced by CLARENCE SMITH JOWARS, aka (NY 100-150520), a former Nation of Islam (NOI) member who called himself "Allah". Under his influence and that of his associate, JAMES HOWELL, these youths became indoctrinated in the perverted NOI form of Muslim ideology with anti-white racial overtones. Many of these youths have adopted Muslim names although investigation revealed that they were not members of or affiliated with the NOI, Muslim Mosque, Inc. (MMI) or the Organization of Afro-American Unity, Inc. (OAAU). JOWARS and HOWELL were arrested on 5/31/65, and continue to be incarcerated awaiting trial which has been delayed due to extensive psychiatric examinations of JOWARS, which had been ordered by the court. Inasmuch as the gang was composed of teenagers without any real overall organizational setup or headquarters, the NYO conducted no extensive investigation of the group since they represented a local police problem.

In view of the publicity of the "Five Percenters" in the attached articles as a result of the WINGATE speech and, particularly, because of allegations outlined in the "Tribune" article, SA [redacted] conferred on 10/15/65.

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The leaders of the "Five Percenters" was JOWARS assisted by HOWELL, both of whom are incarcerated and JOWARS is undergoing psychiatric examination. JOWARS is known to gang members as "Allah", CLARENCE 13X or "Puddin".

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[REDACTED] There are no other leaders of the gang although they do instruct each other in Muslim-type ideology and the practice of Judo and karate (u)

The gang has no meeting place other than the street, school yards and public parks (u)

The current meaning of "Five Percent" is that 85% of Negroes are cattle, 10% are Uncle Toms and the remaining 5%, which they are, are the real leaders of the Negro people. The Muslim indoctrination they receive in addition to the adoption of a Muslim name is the memorization of the questions and answers put out by the NOI which NOI members must learn before receiving their "X" name. This list of questions and answers appears to have originated with JOWARS, who was an NOI member under the name of CLARENCE 13X SMITH, and he undoubtedly obtained it when he joined the NOI (u)

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With the exception of the above mentioned assaults and muggings of whites there is no definite policy or activity by the gang of violence against whites. However, the overall attitude of gang members is one of anti-white insofar as the racial situation is concerned. Also, the gang has never engaged in any pre-meditated attacks on police officers. The one incident involving an assault of a police officer occurred when an officer was attempting to make a disorderly conduct arrest on 7/29/65. (See referenced airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 7/31/65.) No information has been developed that money obtained from muggings and assaults by gang members is turned over to any specific leader or fund. (u)

Although a number of gang members have been arrested on numerous charges the incidents receiving the most publicity were the following (u)

The 5/31/65, arrest of JOWARS, HOWELL and four others. (See re NY airtels and letterhead memorandum dated 6/2/65 and 6/9/65.) (u)

The 6/18/65, arrest of eight gang members who were making ~~plotov~~ cocktails. (See NY airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 6/22/65.) (u)



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The 7/29/65, arrest of 17 gang members for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. (See NY airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 7/31/65. (u)

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[REDACTED] described the "Five Percenters" as a particularly vicious type of street gang that has found in this Muslim overtone a mysterious type of ideology that seems to unite and inspire them. [REDACTED] (u)

In view of the fact that the "Five Percenters" is a teenage Negro type of street gang, its leaders are currently incarcerated. [REDACTED] (u)

[REDACTED] one who feels that it represents a local police problem and no investigation of the gang, itself, is being conducted. [REDACTED] (u)

In regard to the remarks of WINGATE, it appears that he is attempting to utilize the "Five Percenters" and the threat of past and future potential racial violence to neutralize criticism and possible criminal proceedings against him for his administration of HARYOU-ACT. (u)

# Harlem '5 Percenters'— Terror Group Revealed

By James W. Sullivan ✓  
Of The Herald Tribune Staff

An armed group of Negro youths in New York City is "prepared to die" in a struggle against white people, Livingston Wingate, executive director of HARYOU-ACT, said yesterday.

"They say: 'Either there is change or we'll make Watts look like a tea party,' Mr. Wingate said. The reference was to the Watts area of Los Angeles, where 34 persons were killed in recent racial disorders.

Mr. Wingate told the National Urban League's eastern regional conference on poverty, held at the Belmont Plaza Hotel, that "the kids are armed and ready to move," and that only his anti-poverty organization was stopping them. He called the movement "something more ominous than anything since Reconstruction."

HARYOU-ACT is under investigation by both the Man-

hattan District Attorney's office and Federal authorities after charges of fiscal mismanagement. Mr. Wingate has been criticized about his conduct of the anti-poverty program.

He refused to name the movement on the ground that it was "too dangerous," but he apparently spoke of a Black Muslim-oriented extremist youth group known as the "Five Percenters" which is active in four of New York City's five boroughs.

The Police Department has been waging a quiet war on the group for several months but a spokesman yesterday said there would be no comment on Mr. Wingate's comments because the matter is under investigation.

The Herald Tribune has been conducting an independent investigation of the organization for the past three weeks, and has confirmed the group's existence as well as some details of its activities.

The police have declined to release any information about the group's size, objectives or makeup. Deputy Commissioner Joseph Martin, head of community relations, has said the department feared that publicity might snowball the membership and add to the virulence of the group.

The most frequently heard

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explanation among Negroes of the group's name is that its members believe 85 per cent of Negroes are "cattle," 10 per cent are "Uncle Tom's" and 5 per cent are the leaders. Another version is that 85 per cent of all Negroes are exploited, 10 per cent do the exploiting—and the Five Percenters will destroy the exploiters.

In those two versions, such Negro greats as Ralph Bunche and Jackie Robinson are included among the 10 per cent.

However, members of the group said recently that the 5 per cent are the "kindly, righteous people" who follow Allah, 10 per cent are the other followers of Islam and the 85 per cent are the rest of humanity.

### ALLAN

A man who calls himself "Allan," the Moslem word for God, is the leader. He is more generally known as Clarence "Puddin'" Smith and has been in jail since late May.

His teenage followers are blamed for numerous muggings, some fire-bombings and several other acts of violence. They are believed to have been involved in at least one homicide.

Mr. Wingate's statement yesterday was one of the first public expressions of concern about the group and the first public statement that it has weapons.

Generally, the Police Department has attempted to keep it secret.

But ranking police officers in Harlem have been briefing leaders of civil rights and civic organizations on the group and have asked their co-operation in fighting what they describe as a very dangerous group.

Two Harlem weekly newspapers, the New York Courier and the Amsterdam News, yesterday published stories about the menace posed by the Five Percenters, reportedly at the request of police.

### PUBLICITY

The five Percenters group already is widely known on the streets of Harlem, and apparently is equally feared. The Negro ghetto is full of rumors about it, with some Harlemites comparing it to the Ku Klux Klan and other comparing it to the Hitler Youth organization of the Nazis. They also are compared to the "Blood Brothers," publicized last year as a group of 400 youths trained to kill whites. Police maintained there were only 25 in the group.

One source has linked it to the Chinese and Cuban Communists and to the group convicted of attempting to dynamite the Statue of Liberty and other national monuments.

The only official agencies which have previously admitted knowledge of the group's existence are the Youth Board, which is charged with controlling and breaking up youth gangs in New York City, and the Board of Education, which believes Five Percenters were involved in two assaults, and one telephone threat of an assault, all involving teachers at Junior High School 120 in Harlem.

Harrison Lightfoot, deputy executive director in charge of community services for the Youth Board, said recently that the board's workers are not taking a direct interest in the Five Percenters, but are concentrating in keeping members of the supervised gangs from joining the group.

"It's something like a secret society," he said. "The Youth Division of the Police Department is working on it, however, and we don't want to get in the Police Department's way."

School officials complain not only of rowdiness by the Five Percenters, but of their insistence that teachers call them by the Muslim names given them in the organization.

However, Daniel Schreiber, superintendent of District Four in Harlem, yesterday denied published reports that the Five Percenters had caused a wave of transfer requests by teachers in Harlem schools.

Sources in the Police Department said a special 21-man detail was assigned to investigate the Five Percenters last summer because of Police Commissioner Vincent Broderick's concern about them.

### TRAINING

This detail also was assigned to St. Patrick's Cathedral during the recent visit of Pope Paul VI to New York City because of a rumor that the Five Percenters would make an attempt on his life at the Cathedral, the sources said.

All sources agree that members, mostly youths from 13 years to 21 years of age, receive intensive training in Muslim theology, Black Nationalism, judo and karate. Some add that they are trained in garroting. Only Mr. Wingate so far has main-

tained that they are armed. There is a general belief that their warlike training is aimed at white people, especially white policemen; but Harlemites maintain that their hate is directed at both whites and Negroes, including their parents and Negro leaders.

One police source said there are about 200 members, 75 of them in Harlem, 75 in the Fort Greene section of Brooklyn and a few dozen in the Bronx and Queens; but Negro leaders have been told in their briefings that there are 1,000 members organized into cells in every New York City housing project with a substantial number of Negro residents.

A police source said that Clarence Smith formed the group about a year ago, shortly after the late Malcolm X was dropped from Elijah Muhammad's Black Muslim movement and set up his own Black Nationalist group.

The source said the Five Percenters threw Molotov cocktails into three Protestant churches in Harlem last summer, committed numerous muggings and assaults on both Negroes and whites, and attacked several white policemen.

Proceeds of the muggings were turned over to their adult leaders, the source said.



## FANATICISM

Police are concerned by the fanaticism of the youngsters, who, the source said, believe that if Allah tells them to kill, they must obey, and that policemen's bullets either will not hit them or will not penetrate their bodies.

The Black Muslims disclaim any connection with the Five Percenters, the source said, but police do not believe them. Policemen point out that Malcolm X, who set up a rival organization to the Muslims, was killed, and another Muslim, who set up his own mosque in the Bronx early this year, was wounded by a gunshot.

Policemen believe that a man who calls himself "Allah" could not continue his organization in the Negro community without the tacit approval of the Black Muslims.

Harlem residents claim to see Five Percenters everywhere.

"I can tell them by the way they look at a store window," one man said recently. "They're not looking in it, like other people do; they're looking at it, like they want to break it."

The group's first publicity came when Smith was arrested May 31 after he led a crowd estimated at 150 persons across 125th St. in Harlem, allegedly cursing motorists and policemen, beating a Negro man with a six-foot pole, breaking some store windows and, finally, fighting with two policemen who attempted to question him.

He and five of his followers were charged with felonious assault, resisting arrest, unlawful assembly and conspiracy. Smith also was charged with possession of marijuana.

At their arraignment two days later, an estimated 150 persons, mostly teenagers, appeared at Criminal Court, causing police to send 120 men to the court, the largest detail ever assigned there.

Police charged that Smith had declared: "We're going to kill the cops and all the white people—women and children, too. We're going to start a blood bath now and, if we don't get our share of poverty funds, blood will flow."

## BAIL

At his arraignment, he told Judge Francis X. O'Brien that he was wrong for accusing the "righteous people" and that the city would blow up.

"You're going to cause a riot," he said.

Smith was held in \$9,500 bail, which his followers have been unable to furnish.

The group was next identified by police late in July when two policemen were injured going to the assistance of a Harlem woman who had been molested by a group of about 30 youths.

When a policeman attempted to arrest a youth who struck him, there was a general melee in which the policeman was pelted with bottles, stones, bricks, garbage and trash cans. One of the policemen was injured; 17 boys, aged 14 to 18, were arrested.

On Sept. 18, Cedric Avery, 15, who had appeared in "Porgy and Bess" at the City Center shortly before, was stabbed to death on a playground at 212 W. 129th St., in the St. Nicholas Houses, where he lived. Police who charged Earl Green, 21, of 277 W. 127th St., in the slaying said Green told them he had stabbed young Avery after he was attacked by the youth and a gang of other boys.

The dead boy's chest was covered with Muslim medals. Two youths who said they were Five Percenters later told a Herald Tribune reporter that young Avery was a member of their group.

A former employee of the Youth Board said information received there in late June indicated that the Five Percenters had committed the unprovoked murder of Ivan Terach, a 16-year-old white boy, in the Bronx on June 27.

However, Assistant District Attorney Irvin Goldsmith, in charge of the murder case, said he had never heard the group's name. The youths who knifed young Terach outside a candy store at 510 Claremont Parkway said they were members of the "Barbarian Knights."

The two 17-year-olds who described themselves to the Herald Tribune as Five Percenters declared that Allah (Clarence Smith) is God.

"Even if he is in jail, he is still God," said one of them. "The Christians say that Christ was God, but when he was dying on the cross, he said, 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.' This means that he was not God; his Father was. Christ was a prophet and the son of God. Only Allah is God."

The boys denied that they were taught karate or judo in their Five Percenter courses.

They said the classes were restricted to Muslim teachings but indicated there also was intensive Black Nationalist training.

One of them had told another Herald Tribune reporter several weeks earlier that he had been a member of the Blood Brothers.

Mr. Wingate said yesterday that the Police Department is anxious to "crack down" on the group, but that he had urged them to delay this until he could contact the members.

He told reporters after the meeting that he did not know who they are or where they are located, but that he would attempt to communicate with them.

Any attempt by police to crack down, he said, would lead to "massive resistance."

"Believe me, my community is loaded with dynamite, now," he said. "Those kids don't give a damn. They will die—not all of them, but enough of them."

"I've talked to police. They're scared, they know the facts. If I tell you too much, I'll be the late Wingate."

Sarge (Sargent Shriver, head of the Federal antipoverty program) called it an amazing job.

Mr. Wingate indicated that Haryou-Act had appeased the movement last summer by giving the members "blind-alley jobs." These jobs were of little value to the youths, he said, because they offered no chance of upgrading their skills.

At one point, Mr. Wingate declared: "Kill Wingate if you will, but destroy Haryou-Act and you don't even have a pretense of stopping violence."

In his conference talk Mr. Wingate indicated disillusionment with the Johnson Administration. The antipoverty act is the Magna Carta of the poor, he said, but it is now in danger of becoming a "fraud."

"The Democratic Administration has pulled back on this situation," he said. "They have begun to recognize that community action is a little dangerous. They are trying to dilute the programs to nothing."

Yet, Haryou-Act has so far been able to "resist the clutches" of both the city government and of Representative Adam Clayton Powell, Harlem Democrat, Mr. Wingate said.

"The city is afraid to touch Haryou-Act because of Congressman Powell. Mr. Wingate explained, and "because of our integrity. Adam doesn't mess with us."



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## 5 Percenters Called Hoodlums; Actions Blamed on Frustration

By THEODORE JONES

Concerned Harlem residents described the "Five Percenters" yesterday as a small hoodlum gang that championed a "hate philosophy" against both whites and Negroes.

They said the group, which was involved in several muggings and beatings last spring, was composed of misguided teen-agers who had "turned their frustrations in the black ghetto into antisociety actions." "They're a pure growth of the slums," exclaimed a city youth worker who has dealt with members of the gang, "and they're being influenced by older and known subversive men who are only too happy to turn the community into chaos and turmoil."

This influence, according to social workers in the area, has helped to create a group of totally undisciplined youngsters, who have no respect for parents or anyone else not taken with their way of thinking.

The Five Percenters were said to have been an outgrowth of an older, militant, antiwhite group described as the Blood Brothers, which was linked by the police in the summer of 1963 to several murders of whites in Harlem.

### Gained Attention in May

The younger group, which has been under constant police surveillance, gained public attention last May when several youths led by a man who described himself as Clarence 13X Smith, a former Black Muslim, attacked a Negro man on a Harlem street.

When Smith was arrested and charged with the assault, the youths marched on a Harlem police station and demanded his release. The next day they appeared again at Smith's hearing in Manhattan Criminal Court and shouted "white man's injustice" and other black nationalist slogans until they were ejected from the courtroom.

Smith was charged with felonious assault, resisting arrest, unlawful assembly and possession of marijuana. He was held in \$9,500 bail and is still in jail.

The next public incident occurred in July with the arrest of 10 youths who allegedly hurled garbage can covers, rocks and bottles at two white policemen who had stopped them from molesting a Negro woman.

The youths, who ranged in age from 16 to 18, were charged with riot, unlawful assembly, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct. Seven other youths, also involved in the incident, were booked as juvenile delinquents.

### Black Muslims Practices

Both the police and Harlem community leaders describe the Five Percenters as a loosely knit group of youths ranging in age from 13 to 21. The group is said to follow many of the practices of the Black Muslims, although it is not affiliated with that sect.

Estimates of the strength of the group run between 50 and 100 members. Youths who identify with the group are said to operate in the Bedford-Stuyvesant area of Brooklyn as well as in Harlem.

The Five Percenters derive their name from a philosophical belief that 85 per cent of the country's Negro population is ignorant or "just cattle" and that 10 per cent are "Uncle Toms," or subservient to whites. The remaining 5 per cent, of which they are the self-chosen, eventually will lead the others out of "bondage."

"Many of these kids don't know what's going on," explained one community leader who has worked closely with the group in an attempt to change their direction. "But they identify with the powerlessness of the Negro in the ghetto, and if you're not saying how to end that, then you're not talking their language."

During the summer, both the police and community leaders met frequently with the youth to get their views and to see where they could be helped. Many were taken into the HARVOC-ACT summer program and given employment. Others refused jobs with the Harlem agency, declaring that they did not want "handouts."

The termination of the sum-

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mer program increased the resentment of those who had worked. The youth were said to have been annoyed also that they had received no training to help themselves and that they had "been used solely to insure a cool summer in Harlem."

Very few persons in Harlem believed that the Five Percenters could themselves precipitate an armed revolt in the community. Several leaders, however, feel that the group could and would be used by other "hate and disrupting elements if they were not contained."

"These kids don't go around armed, and anyone who says that doesn't know what he's talking about," one youth worker said. "The cops have been picking these kids up left and right and not once have they been charged with a violation of the Sullivan Law. They know they can be arrested if they have a penknife on them."

"Our greatest fear now is that, with all this publicity, many of the youth who identify with some of the beliefs of the group but are not yet members might be enticed now to join. When you get a place like Harlem and the deprivations that exist, then you're going to get youth gangs like this until something is done to solve the basic problems."

# Wingate Warns of Negro Revolt If Haryou's Program Is Curbed

By HOMER BIGART

Bomber warnings of a Negro the Belmont Plaza Hotel. Later uprising in Harlem and other Mr. Wingate expanded on his black ghettos if anything hap- revelation of a mysterious Har- pens to Haryou-Act were voiced lem "movement" at an im- yesterday by Livingston L. promptu press conference. Wingate, executive director of He said the movement was the controversial Harlem anti- composed of desperate youths poverty program. who were "prepared to die" if the Haryou-Act project were halted.

The agency has been criticized for loose management and fi- nancial procedures, and about \$1 million in future grants of the movement were employed by Haryou-Act. Federal funds is being held up by the Office of Economic Op- portunity pending a special audit.

Mr. Wingate made an impass- ioned denial of any misuse of public funds by Haryou-Act. He said his staff had committed "not one act of malfeasance." But he conceded the books were not in order.

His warnings of violence startled an Urban League re- gional conference on poverty in

He indicated that members of the movement were employed by Haryou-Act. "Haryou-Act bought time with this movement," Mr. Win- gate said, implying that his agency had forestalled rioting in Harlem last summer.

The police are sharply aware of the movement and want to crush it, Mr. Wingate said. But he said he had begged the police to withhold action until he had talked to the leaders of the movement and tried to appease

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# Washington Proceedings

## YESTERDAY

(Oct. 14, 1965)

### THE PRESIDENT

Continued at Bethesda Naval Hospital.

### THE SENATE

Not in session.

Finance Committee began hearings on sugar bill passed by the House yesterday.

Internal Security subcommittee issued report on virtual elimination of churches and Roman Catholic schools in Communist Cuba.

Civil Service Committee met on its version of the House-passed Federal pay rise bill.

### THE HOUSE

Completed Congressional action on a \$4.3 billion supplemental public works appropriations bill; adjourned at

5:26 P.M. until Monday noon.

Foreign Affairs subcommittee received briefing from Ambassador to the Soviet Union Kohler.

### DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

Defense department requested 45,224 draft quota for December—biggest since the Korean War.

Agriculture Department announced a national allotment of 6 million acres for the 1966 crop of upland cotton.

### SCHEDULED FOR TODAY

(Oct. 15, 1965)

President Johnson convalesces at Bethesda Naval Hospital.

Senate meets at noon; House not in session.

NASA officials on Gemini VI orbital mechanics and rendezvous hold news conference, 2 P.M.

them. Mr. Wingate said he was too frightened for his own life to divulge any details of the "movement."

"If I tell you too much about this organization, I'll be 'the late Wingate,'" he said.

So he refused even to give the name of the sinister organization. However, it was apparent he was talking about a few young Harlem hate group called the "Five Percenters." The Police Department confirmed that this group was under investigation.

Members of the group told the police they had adopted the name "5 per centers" because "85 per cent of the Negroes are like cattle, 10 per cent are Uncle Toms, and we are the 5 per cent who know what belongs to us."

The Police Department refused comment when asked if Mr. Wingate was serving as intermediary between the police and the "Five Percenters."

### 'Growing Rapidly'

Mr. Wingate said the movement was "growing rapidly" and that "the lid may blow off any day."

"Perhaps I'll be called an alarmist," he said, "so if you want confirmation, you can call some key police officials." He mentioned, among others, Deputy Chief Inspector Harry Taylor, who he said had met with representatives of the movement.

Inspector Taylor denied last night that Harlem was on the verge of racial violence. "We are not," he said, "in a dangerous situation."

But Mr. Wingate told about 54 leaders of poverty programs

at the National Urban League conference that Harlem was in imminent peril of bloodshed; that in that event the disorders could spread to the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn and to Rochester and other upstate cities.

"I come to you with a deep touch of fright in me," Mr. Wingate told the conference. He said he had been meeting with high-level police about an "ominous movement" of youths prepared to die.

### 33 Deaths Recalled

"There will either be a change in the situation," he said, "or you'll see something that'll make Watts look like a tea party." He was referring to the Negro riots in the Watts ghetto of Los Angeles, where at least 33 were killed last August.

Members of the movement know the police are about to

gate, all Whitey wants is to keep us quiet."

"I said: 'Never mind what Whitey wants. If Haryou-Act is able to deliver, then we will be in better position to get fundamental things later.'"

### Use of Funds Explained

During the summer there was a tense moment, Mr. Wingate said, when "5,000 kids threatened to break us asunder." That was when Haryou-Act had "fallen \$400,000 behind in payments," the director went on.

To keep faith with "the kids" who had been given job commitments by a staff member, Mr. Wingate said: "I reached in and took the money. I didn't give a continental what account it came from."

The agency has been criticized for "commingling" Federal and city grants.

It would be "a lie" to suggest any wrongdoing, Mr. Wingate said. The books are not in order, he explained, simply because of an emergency program involving the payment of thousands of Harlem youths, a program that gave Harlem respite from a threatened "long hot summer" of violence.

"You think just because the long hot summer has ended and the autumn chill has begun that the tension is over," Mr. Wingate said, "but our community is loaded with dynamite."

"These kids don't give a damn. They are willing to die. I raise my hand to God and say: 'That's what I believe.'"

Mr. Wingate said the idea for the emergency program

"crack down," Mr. Wingate said but they remain defiant: "The boys say: 'Let 'em crack down, we won't move.'"

Mr. Wingate warned that if the public continued to "listen to the asinine, lying and distorted press" about Haryou-Act, it would have to rely on "naked guns" to contain Harlem.

"I can see bloodshed in Harlem and then in Bedford-Stuyvesant, and then Rochester and Syracuse will move," Mr. Wingate said.

Later, at the news conference in another room, Mr. Wingate said that he had talked to members of the group at the start of the summer and had found the deeply suspicious about "Whitey" (the white man) and the white man's intentions in Washington. Roy, it's an administrative impossibility. But I replied: 'I can't turn down 33 mill on.'

"The kids said: 'Look, Win-

was suggested to him last June 7 by Senator Robert F. Kennedy, Democrat, of New York. By July 1 the program had 4,000 youngsters and a staff of 500. Mr. Wingate said: "I'd been warned by friends in Washington: 'Roy, it's an administrative impossibility.' But I replied: 'I can't turn down 33 mill on.'

"So we ran the program and



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## A SCHOOL . . . AND HARLEM'S 5 PERCENTERS

By James W. Sullivan  
 Of The Herald Tribune Staff

The Board of Education has a report of a reign of terror in Cooper Junior High School in Harlem which exceeded anything veteran teachers had ever seen in the area.

The terrorism was blamed on students who were members of the teen-age hate group called the "Five Percenters" and who believe that 85 per cent of Negroes are cattle, 10 per cent exploit them and 5 per cent are the

To White Teachers:

***You blue-eyed devil! You'll burn!***

To Negro Teachers:

***You slave! You'll die!***

"poor righteous teachers" who follow the true God and will end the exploitation.

The report by Martin Frey, principal of the school at Madison Ave. and 119th St., was sent to several officials

of the Board in mid-October. Board officials have refused to release it or to discuss it.

HARYOU-ACT director Livingston Wingate is believed to have been referring to the Five Percenters Sept. 14 when

he said publicly that there was "an armed group ready to move" in Harlem and only HARYOU-ACT was stopping them.

In the three weeks since Mr. Wingate made his statement, Police Commissioner Vincent Broderick has refused to confirm, deny or even discuss it. His latest refusal was last Friday.

Mr. Frey's report said that, on the first day of school, classes were repeatedly dis-

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rupted by boys who stood at unexpected moments and shouted at teachers:

"You blue-eyed white devil! You'll burn!"

If the teacher was Negro, the boys shouted, "You slave! You'll die!"

The disorder spread throughout the school, according to the report, with gangs of the boys roaming halls, insulting and threatening teachers and assistants who were patrolling the halls and beating non-Five Percenters outside the school. They added to the general disorder in classes by refusing to answer to their names and demanding to be addressed by Muslim names.

Both teachers and students were terrified by the threats and disorder and their terror was heightened by two incidents of violence. Within the first two weeks of school, a male teacher was beaten by a student and a female teacher was struck by an intruder identified in the report as a Five Percenter.

Both the assailants are known to have been arrested. Mr. Trey acknowledged that

he had submitted a report, but refused to release it.

Teachers at the school say that the youths called non-members "Pork-eaters" and demanded to know during classes if their teachers ate pork. Teachers were told by the Board of Education to make notes of the outbursts, but some of them, especially Negro teachers living in Harlem, were afraid of reprisals outside the school.

The Five Percenters are followers of a man named Clarence (Puddin') Smith, who calls himself "Allah." They are said to believe he is God. He has been in jail since he was arrested in a disturbance in early June, but the members insist that he still is God and that, as his followers, they cannot be killed.

The report said that when a 15-year-old student and member of the Five Percenters was killed as he and other members fought with an adult on a playground in St. Nicholas Homes, his friends shouted: "Get up. You're not dead. We can't die."

The boy was dead, however, and his friends gave his Muslim name to a recruit in

order to continue his life, the report stated.

Board of Education sources indicated the report was being withheld because of some of the statements of opinion in it.

The reference may have been to an impassioned paragraph which termed the Five Percenter philosophy "diabolical," said it was aimed at the destruction of every "desirable institution" of Harlem, and accused the group of combining brainwashing and terror.

The report said that after the youth was killed other Five Percenters threatened violence to non-members. Several "pork-eaters" brought weapons from their homes to defend themselves on the way to school. They checked their weapons with the principal when they arrived.

The report added that the Five Percenters undoubtedly have adult leaders and that there is evidence the group receives funds and advice "from outside the United States."

The report said that the incidents came to an end after the first two weeks of school and that 14 arrests had been made.

Teachers at the school agreed that the disorders had ceased, but said the attitudes which caused them are still apparent in the Five Percenter students.

They believe the end of the disorders was brought about by five-day suspensions issued to students who insisted on being called by Muslim names, the arrests and the stationing of a policeman at the school to patrol the halls.

A board spokesman said there have been 12 to 15 arrests at the school this year, not all of them Five Percenters, ten five-day suspensions and two full suspensions.

Some teachers believe there may be further disorders pending. "We may be in the eye of the storm," one of them said.

Some police sources say they believe the group has become quiet in recent weeks because most of its leaders have been arrested on one charge or another, but they say the group still exists and they believe that new leaders are moving in on it.

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**From: Director, FBI**

"FIVE PERCENTERS" aka  
BROTHERHOOD OF BLACKMEN,  
BROTHERHOOD OF ALLAH  
RACIAL MATTERS (u)

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Reurairtel 10/18/65 which sets out additional information regarding the activity of individuals who are referred to as "Five Percenters" [REDACTED]

FOR your information, the information in letterhead memoranda accompanying New York airtels dated 6/2/65, 7/9/65 and 8/26/65 captioned "Disturbance by Group Called 'Five Percenters,' Harlem, New York City, Racial Matters" was disseminated to the military services, the Department and Secret Service.

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SEE NOTE PAGE 3.

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Airtel to New York  
Re: "FIVE PERCENTERS," AXA

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[REDACTED] One article which appeared in the "New York Herald Tribune" on 10/15/65, page 1, sets out that ranking police officers in Harlem have been briefing leaders of civil rights and civic organizations regarding the "Five Percenters" and have asked their cooperation in fighting what they described as a very dangerous group. This article also sets out that two Harlem weekly newspapers, the "New York Courier" and the "Amsterdam News" on 10/14/65 published stories regarding the menace posed by the "Five Percenters," reportedly at the request of the police. (u)

The "New York Herald Tribune" article continued with a comment to the effect that one source linked the "Five Percenters" to the Chinese and Cuban Communists and to the group recently convicted of attempting to dynamite the Statue of Liberty and other national monuments. (u)

As you are aware, the proper utilization of information received by the Bureau is foremost among our responsibilities as an investigative agency. Whenever information comes to the attention of the Bureau which appears to be of interest to another agency, that information should be forwarded to interested agencies unless there are good and compelling reasons for not doing so. [REDACTED] b7C

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The Bureau agrees that the activities of the "Five Percenters" represent a local police problem; however, in view of the allegations that the "Five Percenters" may be linked with certain subversive and racist elements, as indicated in newspaper articles, your continuing investigation of these subversive and racist elements should specifically determine whether or not the "Five Percenters" are actually linked to these elements. (u)

**Airtel to New York**  
**Re: "FIVE PERCENTERS," AKA**

Also, submit future pertinent information developed in this matter in form suitable for dissemination. Handle promptly and keep the Bureau advised. (u)

**NOTE:**

is a gang of approximately 200 Negro youngsters who are scattered throughout the greater New York City area. They involve themselves in assaults, <sup>and</sup> buggings aimed chiefly at white people. Some of the leaders of this gang are currently incarcerated. The leaders have given instructions to each other in Muslim-type ideology (u)

ReNYairtel 10/18/65 sets out information regarding the "Five Percenters" [REDACTED]

information depicts, generally, the nature, scope and activities of the "Five Percenters" [redacted] This [redacted]

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Via AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-1489)(P)

SUBJECT: <sup>(1)</sup> "FIVE PERCENTERS" aka  
Brotherhood of Blackmen,  
Brotherhood of Allah  
RM (u)

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are ten copies  
of a LHM dealing with the Harlem street gang of Negro youths  
known as the "Five Percenters" (u)

Copies of this LHM are being furnished in NYC to  
G-2 and Secret Service. (u)

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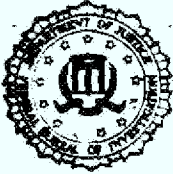
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The NYO will maintain contact with [REDACTED]  
will also canvas NY sources in Black Nationalist, Cuban and  
Chinese Communist activity to determine if these subversive  
and racist elements are linked in any way to the "Five  
Percenters" (u)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

New York, New York  
November 4, 1965

Five Percenters  
Racial Matters (u)

The October 15, 1965 edition of "The New York Times" and the "New York Herald Tribune", daily New York City newspaper, both contained articles on page one dealing with a speech and impromptu press conference given by Livingston Wingate on October 14, 1965, before the eastern regional conference of the Urban League at the Belmont Plaza Hotel, New York City. The two articles were respectively captioned "Wingate Warns of Negro Revolt If Haryou's Program Is Curbed" and "Harlem '5 Percenters' - Terror Group Revealed". Wingate is the Executive Director of the Harlem anti-poverty program known as Harlem Youth Opportunities Unlimited-Associated Community Teams (HARYOU-ACT). Both articles point out that Wingate has been criticized for his handling of the program and that he is currently under investigation by the Manhattan District Attorney's Office and the Federal authorities following charges of fiscal mismanagement (u)

According to these articles Wingate, in his speech and press conference, denied any fiscal wrongdoing and claimed that the spending of certain monies on his part was necessary to avert racial violence in Harlem during the past summer. Wingate's main theme was that if anything happened to HARYOU-ACT there would definitely be racial violence. On this latter point, he referred to a mysterious "armed" group of Negro youth who are "prepared to die" in a struggle against white people. Wingate refused to identify this group by name stating he feared for his life if he talked too much. He further implied that only HARYOU-ACT was stopping this group from acting (u)

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Both of these articles further indicated that Wingate was apparently speaking of a Black Muslim-oriented extremist youth group known as the "Five Percenters" (u)

On October 15, 1965, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the "Five Percenters" is a particularly vicious type of a street gang in New York City composed of Negro youths who have found in their Muslim form of indoctrination a mysterious ideology that seems to unite and inspire them. The gang is composed of approximately 200 youths in New York City ranging in age from 12 to 21. Approximately 125 of them are centered in the Harlem section of New York City around the 120 series of streets bounded by Seventh and Lenox Avenues. The remainder are scattered throughout the Bronx, Brooklyn and Queens with concentrations in the Fort Greene area of Brooklyn and the Saint Mary's Park section of the Bronx. (u)

B. APPROX 11/11

This same source advised that the original leader of the "Five Percenters" was one Clarence Smith Jowars, also known as (aka) Clarence 13X Smith, "Puddin", who was a former member of the Nation of Islam (NOI). Jowars is a 36 year old Negro male who was known to the "Five Percenters" as "Allah" and along with his associate James Howell, a 37 year old Negro male, B. APPROX 11/25 indoctrinated these youths in the perverted NOI form of Muslim ideology with anti-white overtones. Jowars and Howell were arrested for felonious assault with four youthful "Five Percenters" in New York City on May 31, 1965, and both are still incarcerated awaiting trial which has been postponed due to a court ordered psychiatric examination of Jowars. Following the jailing of Jowars and Howell one Eugene White, aka "Hebeka", a Negro male age 22, assumed a leadership position with the "Five Percenters". However, on August 29, 1965, White was arrested for selling marijuana to one of the gang members and is currently awaiting sentencing after having entered a guilty plea (u)

B. APPROX 11/42

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A characterization of the NOI is attached hereto and all sources therein have furnished reliable information in the past (u)

On November 1, 1965, this same source advised that on October 19, 1965, White was sentenced to two years in prison by the Bronx County Supreme Court, New York, on the above mentioned charge (u)

On October 15, 1965, this source advised that the meaning of "Five Percent" is that 85% of the Negroes are cattle who just follow along, 10% are Uncle Toms while the remaining 5%, which they represent, are the real leaders of the Negro people. The Muslim type of indoctrination which they receive, in addition to the adoption of a Muslim name, is the memorization of the questions and answers put out by the NOI and which their new members must learn. This list of questions and answers appears to have originated with Jowars, who was an NOI member under the name of Clarence 13X Smith and undoubtedly obtained it when he joined the NOI (u)

This source further advised that the "Five Percenters" have been responsible for numerous assaults and muggings, chiefly aimed at whites on the fringe area of Harlem. However, if a White victim cannot be located they have no reservation about choosing a Negro victim. They have also caused a great deal of trouble in schools, chiefly Junior High School number 120 at Madison Avenue and 120th Street in Harlem, where they disrupt classes, demand to be called by their Muslim names and have assaulted some teachers. Since the jailing of Jowars, Howell and White they have no overall leadership although they instruct each other in Muslim-type ideology and the practice of judo and karate. They have no meeting place other than the street, school yards and public parks. Although some members of the "Five Percenters" may have access to weapons, there is nothing

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to indicate that this gang is armed or has a cache of arms and weapons stored in Harlem. Also, there is nothing to indicate that they train in garrotting or hand to hand killing methods(u)

Although the general attitude of the "Five Percenters" is one of anti-white, there is no definite policy or program of violence against whites other than the above mentioned assaults and muggings. The gang has never engaged in any pre-meditated attack on a police officer and the one incident involving an assault of a police officer in which they were involved grew out of a disorderly conduct arrest(u)

This source further advised that the "Five Percenters" are not known to have any direct ties with the NOI, Muslim Mosque, Incorporated (MMI), Organization of Afro-American Unity, Incorporated (OAAU), Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM), the individual arrested in 1965 for attempting to blow up the Statue of Liberty, or with the Castroite Cubans or Chinese Communists(u)

Characterizations of the MMI, OAAU, and RAM are attached hereto and all sources therein have furnished reliable information in the past(u)

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APPENDIX

1.

MUSLIM MOSQUE, INCORPORATED (MMI)

The March 13, 1964 edition of "The New York Times," a daily newspaper published in New York, New York, contained an article on page 20 which indicated that MALCOLM X (LITTLE), former national official of the Nation of Islam (NOI) who broke with the NOI on March 8, 1964, publicly announced in New York City on March 12, 1964, that he had formed the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated (MMI). The MMI, according to the article, would be a broadly based politically oriented black nationalist movement for Negroes only, financed by voluntary contributions. In this public statement, MALCOLM X urged Negroes to abandon the doctrine of non-violence when it is necessary to defend themselves in the civil rights struggle, and he also suggested that Negroes form rifle clubs to protect their lives and property in time of emergencies in areas where the government is unable or unwilling to protect them. (u)

Incorporation papers of the MMI filed on March 16, 1964, with the Business Section, Clerk of Courts, New York County, New York, New York, reflect that the MMI was incorporated under the Religious Corporation Law of the State of New York to work for the imparting of the Islamic Faith and Islamic Religion in accordance with "accepted Islamic principals." The principal place of worship to be located in the Borough of Manhattan, New York, New York. (u)

The May 23, 1964 edition of the "New York Amsterdam News," a weekly Negro newspaper published in New York City, contained an article by columnist JAMES BOOKER in which he indicated that he had heard that the visit by MALCOLM X with Muslim leaders during his African tour has changed him to become more religious. (u)

On October 6, 1964, a confidential source advised that the MMI is apparently affiliated with the true orthodox Islamic Religion through its affiliation with the Islamic Foundation (of New York), 1 Riverside Drive, New York City. The only teachings of the MMI are on the Islamic Religion. (u)

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APPENDIX

2.

MUSLIM MOSQUE, INCORPORATED (MMI)

This confidential source advised on May 17, 1965, that the headquarters of the MMI are located in Suite 128, Hotel Theresa, 2090 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York, where they were established on March 16, 1964. These headquarters are shared with the Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU) which was also headed by MALCOLM X(u)

MALCOLM X was assassinated on February 21, 1965 while addressing an OAAU rally at the Audubon Ballroom, Broadway and 166th Street, New York City(u)

APPENDIXNATION OF ISLAM

In January, 1957, a source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD has described his organization on a nationwide basis as the "Nation of Islam" and "Muhammad's Temples of Islam." (u)

On May 7, 1965, a second source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the national leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI); Muhammad's Temple of Islam Number 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is the national headquarters of the NOI; and in mid-1960 Muhammad and other NOI officials, when referring to Muhammad's organization on a nationwide basis, commenced using either "Mosque" or "Temple" when mentioning one of "Muhammad's Temples of Islam" (u)

The NOI is an all-Negro organization which was originally organized in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. MUHAMMAD claims to have been selected by Allah, the Supreme Being, to lead the so-called Negro race out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation in the United States. Members following MUHAMMAD's teachings and his interpretation of the "Koran" believe there is no such thing as a Negro; the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as "white devils," in the United States; and the white race, because of its exploitation of the so-called Negroes, must and will be destroyed in the approaching "War of Armageddon" (u)

In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including MUHAMMAD, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States (u)

On May 5, 1958, the first source advised MUHAMMAD had, upon advice of legal counsel, tempered his personal statements and instructions to his ministers concerning the principles of his organization in order to avoid possible prosecution by the United States Government; however, he did not indicate any fundamental changes in the teachings of his organization (u)

On May 3, 1965, a third source advised MUHAMMAD had, early in July, 1958, decided to de-emphasize the religious aspects of the teachings of Islam and to stress the economic benefits to be derived by those Negroes who joined the NOI (u)

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ORGANIZATION OF AFRO-AMERICAN  
UNITY, INCORPORATED (OAAU)

On June 28, 1964, MALCOLM X LITTLE, founder and leader of the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated (MMI), publicly announced the formation of a new, all Negro, militant civil rights action group to be known as the Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU), with himself as Chairman. This announcement was made at a public rally held by the MMI in the Audubon Ballroom, Broadway and 166th Street, New York City. (u)

A printed and published statement of basic OAAU aims read by MALCOLM X at this meeting indicates that it shall include "all" people of African descent in the Western Hemisphere, as well as "our" brothers and sisters on the African continent. It is patterned after the "letter and spirit" of the Organization of African Unity established (by African heads of States) at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in May, 1963. (u)

A recording of the remarks of MALCOLM X at this meeting indicates that the aim of the OAAU is to eliminate differences between Negroes so they can work together for "human rights," while the initial objective is to "internationalize" the American civil rights movement by taking it to the United Nations. LITTLE condemned the non-violent civil rights movement and claims that Negroes should be taught to protect themselves, when and if necessary. The OAAU will sponsor a program for Negroes of education, politics, culture, economics, and social reform. (u)

On May 17, 1965, a confidential source advised that the headquarters of the OAAU are located in MMI headquarters, Suite 128, Hotel Theresa, 2090 7th Avenue, New York City. (u)

MALCOLM X was assassinated on February 21, 1965, while addressing an OAAU rally at the Audubon Ballroom, New York City. (u)

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UNITY, INCORPORATED (OAAU)

On April 13, 1965, a second confidential source advised that on March 26, 1965, the OAAU filed a Certificate of Incorporation with the Department of State, State of New York, Albany, New York, and henceforth the organization's true name will be Organization of Afro-American Unity, Incorporated. (u)



REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT

This document stated, in part, that RAM was officially organized in the Winter of 1963 by Afro-Americans who support the revolutionary objectives of ROBERT F. WILLIAMS, now residing in Cuba, and his concept of organized violence to achieve the liberation of the Afro-American people in the United States. This Manifesto disclosed that RAM had oriented its program to one of education and political revolution and the organization of a "black" political party with revolutionary objectives, having recognized the need for a "black revolution" that could and would seize power. RAM philosophy is described in this document as one of revolutionary nationalism, that is, one involving the struggles of the nonwhite races of the world against exploitation and enslavement by the white capitalist and imperialist nations. (u)

Regarding WILLIAMS, it should be noted that on August 28, 1961, a Federal warrant was issued at Charlotte, North Carolina, charging him with Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution for the crime of kidnapping. Subsequent to the issuance of this warrant, WILLIAMS fled the United States to Cuba, where he now publishes a monthly newsletter entitled "The Crusader" from Havana (u)

This source in September, 1964, advised RAM is dedicated to the overthrow of the capitalist system in the United States, by violence if necessary, and to its replacement by a socialistic system oriented toward the Chinese communist interpretation of Marxism-Leninism. RAM is entirely nonwhite in membership, clandestine in nature, and owes its primary allegiance to the "Bandung World," that is, the nonwhite races of the world rather than to any national entity, as such (u)

On November 16, 1964, a second source advised he learned recently from an RAM member that the organization began in Detroit, Michigan, largely under the impetus of DON FREEMAN, described as the "Father" of RAM and referred to

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as RAM's "Black Stalin." FREEMAN served as RAM Chairman, with MAXWELL STANFORD, now of New York City, formerly of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, serving as RAM Field Chairman(u)

This source stated in May, 1965, there has been no formal headquarters, as such, for RAM but that headquarters have been with FREEMAN since he has played such a dominant role in the leadership of and has directed the policies and activities of the organization(u)

Within recent months, according to the second source, dissension within RAM has become evident and some dissatisfaction with FREEMAN's leadership has arisen. So far as is known, however, he remains the titular leader of RAM.(u)

To date, according to the second source in May, 1965, RAM has organized units and membership in several of the larger cities in the United States east of the Mississippi River and the organization is currently active in attempting to recruit new members and expand its sphere of influence(u)

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-444630)

11/16/65

SAC, NEW YORK (100-150520) (P)

"CHANGED":  
CLARENCE EDWARD SMITH aka  
SM - NOI  
(OO: NEW YORK)

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7A Title marked "changed" to show subject's true name as CLARENCE EDWARD SMITH as reflected by military records. Title previously carried as "CLARENCE SMITH JOWARS aka Clarence 13X Smith; ET AL". (u)

ReNYlets to the Bureau dated 9/17/65, and 10/19/65, and St. Louis letter to the Bureau, 10/22/65 (u)

On 11/2/65, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that subject last appeared in New York State Supreme Court, Part 30 (Felony), NYC, on 10/27/65. Subject continues to be confined Bellevue Hospital, NYC, on \$9,500.00 bond. (u) b7C b7D

[redacted] it is expected that when subject appears in above court on 11/16/65, subject will be adjudged criminally insane and will be committed to a mental institution. He stated he would advise of the outcome of this matter. (u)

For the information of Richmond, subject is a former member of the Nation of Islam (NOI) in NYC. He was

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(1- DISTURBANCE BY GROUP CALLED "FIVE PERCENTERS", HARLEM, NYC, 5/31/65)  
2- Richmond (RM)  
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arrested on 5/31/65, by the NYCPD as being the ringleader of a group called the "Five Percenters", a Negro Youth gang in the Harlem section of NYC. (u)

Subject is a Negro male, born 2/21/28 or 2/22/28, at Danville, Virginia. [REDACTED] (u) b7C

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AT DANVILLE, VIRGINIA. Will check birth records and verify birth, furnishing correct date of birth, name given at birth and full name of parents. (u)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1824)

Date Forw. \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-1217)

How Forw. R-5SUBJECT: POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE  
MAJOR URBAN AREAS  
RACIAL MATTERS (u)By 157-2376  
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) (u)

One copy of enclosed LHM is being furnished to Newark and Philadelphia for information (u)

Information copies are also being furnished locally to G-2, ONI, OSI, Secret Service and the U.S. Attorney, SDNY (u)

Information attributed to [REDACTED] was obtained by SA [REDACTED] (u)

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- 1 - Newark (157-1611) (Info) (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 1 - Philadelphia (157-1214) (Info) (Encls. 1) (RM)
- 1 - New York (157-1489) (POSSIBLE DISTURBANCE IN HARLEM, 1/15/66) (43)
- 1 - New York (157-892) (RACIAL SITUATION, NY DIVISION) (42)
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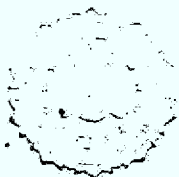
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Logical sources have been alerted to possibility of outbreak of violence on 1/15/66, and they have been unable to furnish any information, to date, which would corroborate what is set forth in enclosed list. (u)

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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New York, New York  
November 24, 1965

Bureau 157-1824

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Re: Possible Racial Violence  
Major Urban Areas  
Racial Matters (u)

DATE 3-17-80 BY SP5/RJC/JLC

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Current Evaluation of Violence Potential

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The information, referred to above, consists of rumors that on January 15, 1966, the Harlem area of New York City will experience an unknown event which will make "Watts appear to be a minor accident". (Watts refers to that area of Los Angeles, California, wherein a racial riot occurred during the Summer of 1965). Allegedly there is increased apprehension in Harlem over the existence of a group of Negroes known as the "Five Percenters", a Harlem street gang which advocates violence against the whites. (u)

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Re: Possible Racial Violence  
Major Urban Areas  
Racial Matters

The "Five Percenters" allegedly are making efforts to infiltrate and ~~subvert~~ the Youth Cadet Corps which group has been sponsored by the United Block Associations (UBA) of Harlem (u)

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[REDACTED] (u)

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[REDACTED] stated that on no occasion was it said that the trouble on January 15, 1966, would be caused by the "Five Percenters", or that they were involved in it in any way.

[REDACTED] reference was always made to Harlem youth gangs, such as the "Five Percenters", the "Deacons" from the vicinity of 129th Street, and the "Dragons" from around 140th Street (u)

Re: Possible Racial Violence  
Major Urban Areas  
Racial Matters

[REDACTED] stated that the Youth Cadet Corps, formed in Harlem, are affiliated with the UBA, a legitimate social agency working in Harlem to aid and train Harlem youths.

[REDACTED] the Youth Cadet Corps groups have spent large sums of money on uniforms and sporting equipment and he is concerned that the "Five Percenters" are allegedly trying to take over these groups (u)

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[REDACTED] (u)  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] been unable to determine any significance to the date, January 15, 1966, or to develop any information that the "Five Percenters" had plans to cause trouble on this date or any future date (u)

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] the UBA is part of the Federal War Against Poverty Program and is financed through Federal funds. The purpose of the Cadet Corps is to influence the Negro youth to get off streets and interested in productive endeavors. [REDACTED] some of the "Five Percenters" are known to have joined the UBA Cadet Corps and have participated in its sports and other programs, but do not in any way control or dominate it. [REDACTED] in fact that the UBA has been successful in getting some "Five Percenters" to quit association with that group (u)



DIRECTOR, FBI (100-444636)

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CLARENCE EDWARD SMITH aka  
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ReNYlet to the Bureau, 11/16/65(u)

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On 11/16/65, [REDACTED] advised  
SA [REDACTED] that on 11/16/65, subject, who is the  
leader of the "Five Percenters", appeared in New York State  
Supreme Court, NYC, and was found "unable to understand the  
charges against him". Subject was remanded to the custody  
of the New York State Department of Mental Hygiene for  
an indefinite confinement(u)

The NYO will, upon completion of outstanding investigation  
prepare a report in this matter(u)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-3376)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-1459) (C)

SUBJECT: FIVE PERCENTERS  
RACIAL MATTERS (u)ReNYairtel dated 11/4/65, and NY airtel captioned  
"POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE, MAJOR URBAN AREAS, RM", dated  
11/24/65. (u)Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies  
of a LHM concerning possible link between subject group and  
any subversive individuals or organizations. (u)Copies of this LHM are being furnished to G-2  
and Secret Service in New York City (u)The information [redacted] was furnished  
to SA [redacted] (u)

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 (1 - 157-1224) (POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE, MAJOR URBAN AREAS)  
 1 - New York (100-155529) (BLACK ARTS REPERTORY THEATER) (43)  
 1 - New York (157-122) (RACIAL SITUATION, NY DIVISION) (42)  
 1 - New York (157-1217) (POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE, MAJOR URBAN  
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The Black Arts Repetory Theater which is operated by JONES in the Harlem section of NYC, regularly puts on various stage productions and is subject of NY pending file 100-155529, Bufile 105-141216 *du*

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Inasmuch as the activities of the Five Percenters represents a local police problem, the NYO is conducting no further investigation. All pertinent NY sources have been advised to be alert for activities of and information on this group and if information is developed reflecting a link between them and any subversive organization, this matter will be reopened. (u)

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New York, New York  
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REVISIONS FINALIZED  
NEW COMMITTEE (220)

Five Percenters  
Racial Matters (u)

Reference is made to the memorandum captioned as above and dated November 4, 1965 at New York, and a memorandum dated November 24, 1965 at New York captioned "Possible Racial Violence, Major Urban Areas, Racial Matters" (u)

During November and December, 1965, numerous confidential sources who are familiar with activities in the New York City area of the Nation of Islam (NOI), Muslim Mosque, Incorporated (MMI), Organization of Afro-American Unity, Incorporated (OAAU), Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM), racial matters, black nationalist, Chinese Communist and Cuban matters advised that with the below exception they knew of no link between the Five Percenters and these organizations (u)

Characterizations of the NOI, MMI, OAAU and RAM are attached hereto (u)

[REDACTED] furnished information indicating that a number of Negro youths in the Harlem area of New York City, who claim to be Five Percenters, are affiliating and hanging around with Negro playwright Leroy Jones and his Black Arts Repetory Theater, a black nationalist anti-white type theater group in Harlem operated by Jones (u)

Everett Leroy Jones

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Leroy Jones was President of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) (u)

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The August 5, 1964 edition of the "Buffalo Courier Express", a daily Buffalo, New York newspaper, contained an article on page four of the appearance by Leroy Jones at a public meeting held in the headquarters of the Workers World Party (WWP), 831 Main Street, Buffalo, New York on August 4, 1964. According to this article Jones urged Negroes to disassociate themselves from "the American way of life", to quit their jobs, to stop voting and to steal food to live. He asserted that the "the American way of life" had done nothing for the Negro and he predicted that racial strife in the nation would grow increasingly worse. He was further quoted in the article as stating: "I am in trouble because I'd tell any son of mine not to fight in any of these silly wars going on and I'd tell my children to despise everything this country stands for." (u)

Characterizations of the FPCC and the WWP are attached hereto (u)

During November and December, 1965, numerous sources familiar with activities in the New York City area of the NOI, MMI, OAAU, RAM, black nationalist and racial matters advised that they knew nothing concerning any planned or rumored violence or disturbance by the Five Percenters or other racist group scheduled to take place on January 15, 1966 (u)

On December 28, 1965, [REDACTED] b7C  
[REDACTED] b7D  
[REDACTED] has been unable to determine any significance to the date, January 15, 1966, or to develop any information that the Five Percenters had plans to cause trouble on this or any other specific date (u)

All sources herein have furnished reliable information in the past (u) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE

The April 6, 1960, edition of "The New York Times" newspaper contained a full-page advertisement captioned "What Is Really Happening In Cuba," placed by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC). This advertisement announced the formation of the FPCC in New York City and declared the FPCC intended to promulgate "the truth about revolutionary Cuba" to neutralize the distorted American press (u)

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"The New York Times" edition of January 11, 1961, reported that at a hearing conducted before the United States Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on January 10, 1961, Dr. CHARLES A. SANTOS-BUCH identified himself and ROBERT TABER as organizers of the FPCC. He also testified he and TABER obtained funds from the Cuban Government which were applied toward the cost of the aforementioned advertisement. (u)

On May 16, 1963, a source advised that during the first two years of the FPCC's existence there was a struggle between Communist Party (CP) and Socialist Workers Party (SWP) elements to exert their power within the FPCC and thereby influence FPCC policy. This source added that during the past year there had been a successful effort by FPCC leadership to minimize the role of these and other organizations in the FPCC so that their influence as of May, 1963, was negligible (u)

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450 (u)

On May 20, 1963, a second source advised that VINCENT "TED" LEE, FPCC National Office Director, was then formulating FPCC policy and had indicated that he had no intention of permitting FPCC policy to be determined by any other organization. This source stated that LEE believed that the FPCC should advocate resumption of diplomatic relations between Cuba and the United States and should support the right of Cubans to manage their revolution without interference from other nations. LEE did not advocate supporting the Cuban revolution per se. (u)

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The November 23, 1963, edition of "The New York Times" reported that Senator THOMAS J. DODD of Connecticut had called FPCC "the chief public relations instrument of the CASTRO network in the United States." It is to be noted that Senator DODD was a member of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee which twice conducted hearings on the FPCC(u)

The December 27, 1963, edition of "The New York World Telegram and Sun" newspaper stated that the pro-CASTRO FPCC was seeking to go out of business and that its prime activity during its lifetime had been sponsorship of pro-CASTRO street rallies and mass picket lines, and the direction of an active propaganda mill highlighting illegal travel-to-Cuba campaigns. Its comparatively brief span of life was attributed to mounting anti-CASTRO American public opinion, the 1962 Congressional hearings which disclosed FPCC financing by CASTRO's United Nations Delegation, and ultimately, the bad publicity which the FPCC received from disclosure of activities on its behalf by suspected presidential assassin, LEE H. OSWALD(u)

On February 6, 1964, the previously mentioned second source advised that V. T. LEE had recently remarked that the FPCC was dead and that there were no plans to organize another similar organization(u)

On April 13, 1964, a third source advised that there had not been any FPCC activity in many months and that the FPCC had been dissolved(u)

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MUSLIM MOSQUE, INCORPORATED (MMI)

The March 13, 1964, edition of "The New York Times", a daily newspaper published in New York, New York, contained an article on page 20 which indicated that MALCOLM X (LITTLE), former national official of the Nation of Islam (NOI) who broke with the NOI on March 8, 1964, publicly announced in New York City on March 12, 1964, that he had formed the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated (MMI). The MMI, according to the article, would be a broadly based politically oriented black nationalist movement for Negroes, only, financed by voluntary contributions. In this public statement, MALCOLM X urged Negroes to abandon the doctrine of non-violence when it is necessary to defend themselves in the civil rights struggle, and he also suggested that Negroes form rifle clubs to protect their lives and property in time of emergencies in areas where the government is unable or unwilling to protect them. (u)

Incorporation papers of the MMI filed on March 16, 1964, with the Business Section, Clerk of Courts, New York County, New York, New York, reflect that the MMI was incorporated under the Religious Corporation Law of the State of New York to work for the imparting of the Islamic Faith and Islamic Religion in accordance with "accepted Islamic principals". The principal place of worship to be located in the Borough of Manhattan, New York, New York. (u)

The May 23, 1964, edition of the "New York Amsterdam News", a weekly Negro newspaper published in New York City, contained an article by columnist JAMES BOOKER in which he indicated that he had heard that the visit by MALCOLM X with Muslim leaders during his African tour has changed him to become soft in his anti-white feelings and to become more religious. (u)

On October 6, 1964, a confidential source advised that the MMI is apparently affiliated with the true orthodox Islamic Religion through its affiliation with the Islamic Foundation (of New York), 1 Riverside Drive, New York City. The only teachings of the MMI are on the Islamic Religion. (u)

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2.

MUSLIM MOSQUE, INCORPORATED (MMI)

This confidential source advised on May 17, 1965, that the headquarters of the MMI are located in Suite 128, Hotel Theresa, 2090 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York, where they were established on March 16, 1964. These headquarters are shared with the Organization of Afro-American Unity, Incorporated (OAAU) which was also headed by MALCOLM X (u)

MALCOLM X was assassinated on February 21, 1965, while addressing an OAAU rally at the Audubon Ballroom, Broadway and 166th Street, New York City (u)

This same confidential source advised on September 8, 1965, that the activities of the MMI following the death of MALCOLM X were limited to the teaching of classes in the Islamic religion and a class in judo for self-protection. These classes were held regularly until the latter part of July, 1965, when they were discontinued. Since then, the MMI has held no meetings and there has been absolutely no activity by the MMI which appears to be completely "dead". (u)

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NATION OF ISLAM

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In January, 1957, a source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD has described his organization on a nationwide basis as the 'Nation of Islam' and 'Muhammad's Temples of Islam' (u)

On May 7, 1965, a second source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the national leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI); Muhammad's Temple of Islam Number 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is the national headquarters of the NOI; and in mid-1960 Muhammad and other NOI officials, when referring to Muhammad's organization on a nationwide basis, commenced using either "Mosque" or "Temple" when mentioning one of 'Muhammad's Temples of Islam' (u)

The NOI is an all-Negro organization which was originally organized in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. MUHAMMAD claims to have been selected by Allah, the Supreme Being, to lead the so-called Negro race out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation in the United States. Members following MUHAMMAD's teachings and his interpretation of the 'Koran' believe there is no such thing as a Negro; the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as "white devils," in the United States, and the white race, because of its exploitation of the so-called Negroes, must and will be destroyed in the approaching "War of Armageddon." (u)

In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including MUHAMMAD, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States. (u)

On May 5, 1958, the first source advised MUHAMMAD had, upon advice of legal counsel, tempered his personal statements and instructions to his ministers concerning the principles of his organization in order to avoid possible prosecution by the United States Government; however, he did not indicate any fundamental changes in the teachings of his organization. (u)

On May 3, 1965, a third source advised MUHAMMAD had, early in July, 1958, decided to de-emphasize the religious aspects of the teachings of Islam and to stress the economic benefits to be derived by those Negroes who joined the NOI. (u)

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1.

ORGANIZATION OF AFRO-AMERICAN  
UNITY, INCORPORATED (OAAU)

On June 28, 1964, MALCOLM X LITTLE, founder and leader of the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated (MMI), publicly announced the formation of a new, all Negro, militant civil rights action group to be known as the Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU), with himself as Chairman. This announcement was made at a public rally held by the MMI in the Audubon Ballroom, Broadway and 166th Street, New York City. (u)

A printed and published statement of basic OAAU aims read by MALCOLM X at this meeting indicates that it shall include "all" people of African descent in the Western Hemisphere, as well as "our" brothers and sisters on the African continent. It is patterned after the "letter and spirit" of the Organization of African Unity established (by African heads of States) at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in May, 1963. (u)

A recording of the remarks of MALCOLM X at this meeting indicates that the aim of the OAAU is to eliminate differences between Negroes so they can work together for "human rights," while the initial objective is to "internationalize" the American civil rights movement by taking it to the United Nations. LITTLE condemned the non-violent civil rights movement and claims that Negroes should be taught to protect themselves, when and if necessary. The OAAU will sponsor a program for Negroes of education, politics, culture, economics, and social reform. (u)

On May 17, 1965, a confidential source advised that the headquarters of the OAAU are located in MMI headquarters, Suite 128, Hotel Theresa, 2090 7th Avenue, New York City. (u)

MALCOLM X was assassinated on February 21, 1965, while addressing an OAAU rally at the Audubon Ballroom, New York City. (u)

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ORGANIZATION OF AFRO-AMERICAN  
UNITY, INCORPORATED (OAAU)

On April 13, 1965, a second confidential source advised that on March 26, 1965, the OAAU filed a Certificate of Incorporation with the Department of State, State of New York, Albany, New York, and henceforth the organization's true name will be Organization of Afro-American Unity, Incorporated. (u)

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REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT

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On November 3, 1964, a source made available a document entitled "The Revolutionary Action Movement Manifesto," the document having been obtained by the source from an individual known to be a member of the Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM). (u)

This document stated, in part, that RAM was officially organized in the Winter of 1963 by Afro-Americans who support the revolutionary objectives of ROBERT F. WILLIAMS, now residing in Cuba, and his concept of organized violence to achieve the liberation of the Afro-American people in the United States. This Manifesto disclosed that RAM had oriented its program to one of education and political revolution and the organization of a "black" political party with revolutionary objectives, having recognized the need for a "black revolution" that could and would seize power. RAM philosophy is described in this document as one of revolutionary nationalism, that is, one involving the struggles of the nonwhite races of the world against exploitation and enslavement by the white capitalist and imperialist nations. (u)

Regarding WILLIAMS, it should be noted that on August 28, 1961, a Federal warrant was issued at Charlotte, North Carolina, charging him with Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution for the crime of kidnapping. Subsequent to the issuance of this warrant, WILLIAMS fled the United States to Cuba, where he now publishes a monthly newsletter entitled "The Crusader" from Havana. (u)

This source in September, 1964, advised RAM is dedicated to the overthrow of the capitalist system in the United States, by violence if necessary, and to its replacement by a socialistic system oriented toward the Chinese communist interpretation of Marxism-Leninism. RAM is entirely nonwhite in membership, clandestine in nature, and owes its primary allegiance to the "Bandung World," that is, the nonwhite races of the world rather than to any national entity, as such. (u)

On November 16, 1964, a second source advised he learned recently from an RAM member that the organization began in Detroit, Michigan, largely under the impetus of DON FREEMAN, described as the "Father" of RAM and referred to

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as RAM's "Black Stalin." FREEMAN served as RAM Chairman, with MAXWELL STANFORD, now of New York City, formerly of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, serving as RAM Field Chairman (u)

This source stated in May, 1965, there has been no formal headquarters, as such, for RAM but that headquarters have been with FREEMAN since he has played such a dominant role in the leadership of and has directed the policies and activities of the organization (u)

Within recent months, according to the second source, dissension within RAM has become evident and some dissatisfaction with FREEMAN's leadership has arisen. So far as is known, however, he remains the titular leader of RAM. (u)

To date, according to the second source in May, 1965, RAM has organized units and membership in several of the larger cities in the United States east of the Mississippi River and the organization is currently active in attempting to recruit new members and expand its sphere of influence (u)

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WORKERS WORLD PARTY

On April 17, 1959, a confidential source advised that on February 12, 1959, a Socialist Workers Party (SWP) minority group under the leadership of National Committee member, SAM BALLAN, split from the SWP(u)

The source stated that this minority group, referred to as the Marcyites, after many years of program and policy differences on varied issues concerning tactics and interpretation of political events, split from the SWP on the grounds that the Party was liquidating itself by departing from the Marxist precepts of LEON TROTSKY and retreating from the fight for the world socialist revolution. The final issue which ultimately forced the split was the minority's opposition to the SWP regroupment policy which involved co-operation with the Communist Party (CP) periphery-individuals characterized by the minority as petty-bourgeois(u)

The minority program, according to source, advocated unconditional defense of the Soviet Union and has as its goal the building of a revolutionary party with a complete proletarian orientation for the purpose of overthrowing capitalism in the United States and throughout the world(u)

On May 12, 1960, source advised that this minority group had chosen the name Workers World Party(u)

On May 3, 1965, second source advised that the Workers World Party, which maintains headquarters at 46 West 21st Street, New York, New York, supports the People's Republic of China in its ideological dispute with the Soviet Union(u)

The SWP and the CP have been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450(u)

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (157-3376)

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FIVE PERCENTERS, RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION) (u)

RENY TEL AUGUST TWENTY-THREE, LAST, CAPTIONED "INCIDENT AT  
PROSPECT PARK WEST, BEDFORD AVE. AND PARK AVE. AND SKILLMAN AND  
FLUSHING AVE., ALL BROOKLYN, NY, ON AUGUST TWENTY-TWO, LAST, RM. (u)

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (u)

IN VIEW OF TENSE RACIAL SITUATION, INFORMATION INDICATING  
ORGANIZED TRAINING OR SCHOOLING TO TEACH RIOT TECHNIQUES MUST  
RECEIVE INTENSIVE ATTENTION AND BE FULLY RESOLVED. THE BUREAU MUST  
BE KEPT APPRISED OF ALL PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THESE MATTERS (u)

SEE NOTE PAGE 2.

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DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
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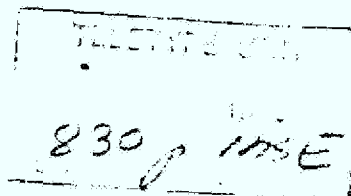
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Teletype to New York  
Re: FIVE PERCENTER  
157-3376

NOTE:

[REDACTED] b7D  
The Five Percenters have been a constant source of trouble to the NYCPD. They are not members of the Nation of Islam; however, they affect Islamic names and symbols. Indications of organized training or schooling or participation in riots or violence must be intensively investigated and immediately resolved (u)

Teletype necessary in view of tense racial situation and urgency of resolving alleged "instructions" being given in the New York City area (u)



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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-3376)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-1489)

SUBJECT: FIVE PERCENTERS  
RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION) (u)

ReButeletype to NY, dated 8/24/66 (u)

(3-Bureau (RM)  
1-New York (157-892)  
1-New York [redacted] b7D  
1-New York [redacted]  
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[REDACTED] b7C b7D  
[REDACTED] advised that he first heard the term Five Percenters on the night [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He has, however, heard the terms "brothers and sisters" used when talking about young Negroes in the Brooklyn Bedford Stuyvesant area. He stated that on several occasions in a local park near Tompkins and Lafayette Avenues, many young Negroes would gather and openly discuss the tense racial situation throughout Bedford Stuyvesant and the rest of the US. [REDACTED] mentioned that on two occasions a young Negro approximately 19 years of age who calls himself ALLAH, who stands approximately 5'11" and weighs 170 pounds, dark brown skin and wears his hair in an Afro, has spoken about the fact that the devils, meaning white man, will not allow young Negroes to have anything and that you are supposed to beat them up when they come around. ALLAH mentioned the fact that these young Negroes were brothers and sisters since ALLAH was their father (u)

These types of gatherings in the park are not necessarily planned but take place at any given hour when someone decides to discuss anything at the park. The audience, which is composed of ~~over~~ 80 teenagers, may simply be sitting in the park awaiting a turn on the basketball court, a deal at cards or simply a game of softball. At these various gatherings no individual is considered the floor chairman and that anyone who desires to discuss anything simply stands and can be heard (u)

At far as receiving actual instructions from any given organization, [REDACTED] indicated that this was not true [REDACTED]

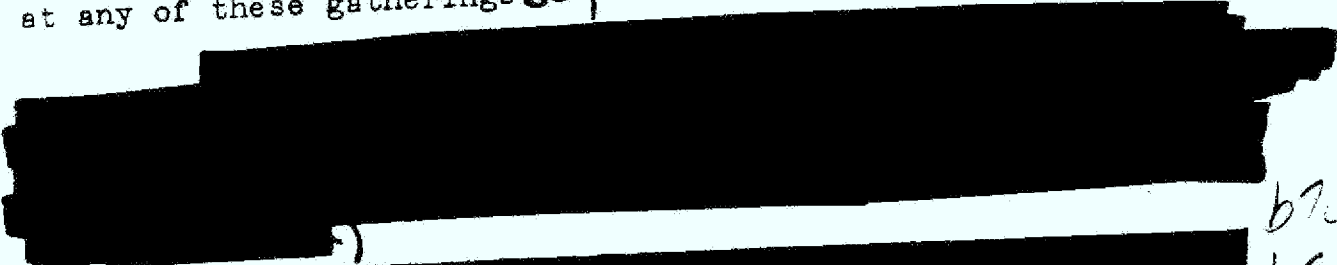
[REDACTED] indicated that white youngsters in the Bedford Stuyvesant area were not safe while walking the streets at night nor were young Negroes safe while walking the white sections of Brooklyn (u)

[REDACTED] mentioned many things which indicated that some of the ideas and statements made at the various gatherings were actually things which could have been heard at Black Muslim Meetings but that no black muslims nor anyone




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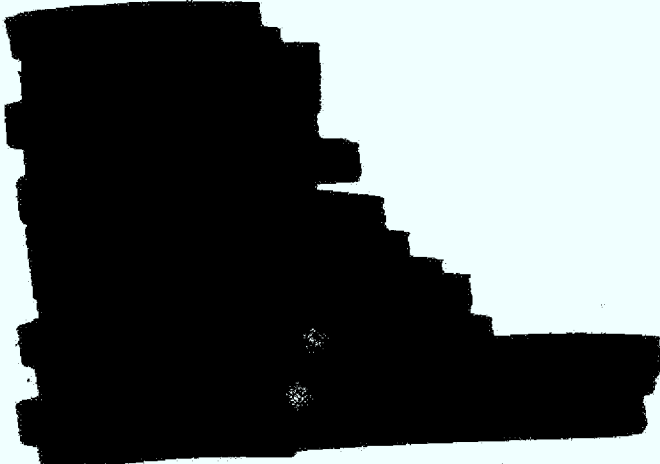

believed to be a part of the Nation of Islam have ever been present  
at any of these gatherings (u)



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FROM NEW YORK (157-892)

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Mr. DeLoach	_____
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Mr. Casper	_____
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RACIAL SITUATION, NEW YORK OFFICE,  
POSSIBLE RACIAL DISTURBANCE BY "FIVE PERCENTERS"  
NEW YORK CITY AREA ON ONE TWO SIXTY SEVEN.  
RACIAL MATTERS (u)

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] A NEGRO HOODLUM  
GROUP WITH BLACK NATIONALIST TENDENCIES, REFLECTS  
SEVERAL "FIVE PERCENTERS" HAVE STATED THERE WILL BE,  
"- ACTIONS, DIS ORDERS, RIOTS", IN THE EAST NEW YORK  
SECTION OF BROOKLYN, SOUTH JAMAICA, QUEENS  
AND AT ONE ONE SIX STREET AND LENOX AVENUE, MANHATTAN, IF  
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RACIAL SITUATION, NEW YORK OFFICE, POSSIBLE RACIAL DISTURBANCE  
BY "FIVE PERCENTERS" NEW YORK CITY AREA ON ONE TWO SIXTY SEVEN.

RACIAL MATTERS (u)

REMYTEL TWELVE THIRTY-ONE LAST (u)

NO DISTURBANCES AND NO INCIDENTS INSTANT DATE (u)

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CLARENCE SMITH, LEADER OF THE "FIVE PERCENTERS", WHO  
IS PRESENTLY CONFINED IN MATTEWAN STATE HOSPITAL,  
IS NOT RELEASED ON ONE ONE NEXT. PROPOSED ACTION  
WILL TAKE PLACE ON ONE TWO NEXT (u) *1/2*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (u)

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[REDACTED] (u)

[REDACTED] (u)

ONE ZERO EIGHT MILITARY INTELLIGENCE GROUP,  
SECRET SERVICE, AND UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS OFFICES EASTERN  
AND SOUTHERN DISTRICTS OF NEW YORK ADVISED (u)

NYO SOURCES ALERTED. (u)

THE BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED (u)

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-1489)  
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[REDACTED] advised that the aforementioned is a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He further stated he would make further inquiries concerning this matter, and advise the NYO of his findings (u)

NYO will follow and furnish all pertinent data to the Bureau (u)

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ReNYairtel, 9/25/67 (u)

[REDACTED] b7D  
[REDACTED] advised he has been unable to corroborate  
the information set forth in referenced communication (u)  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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